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God, who was  
crucified Calvary -  
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knowledge of it by the  
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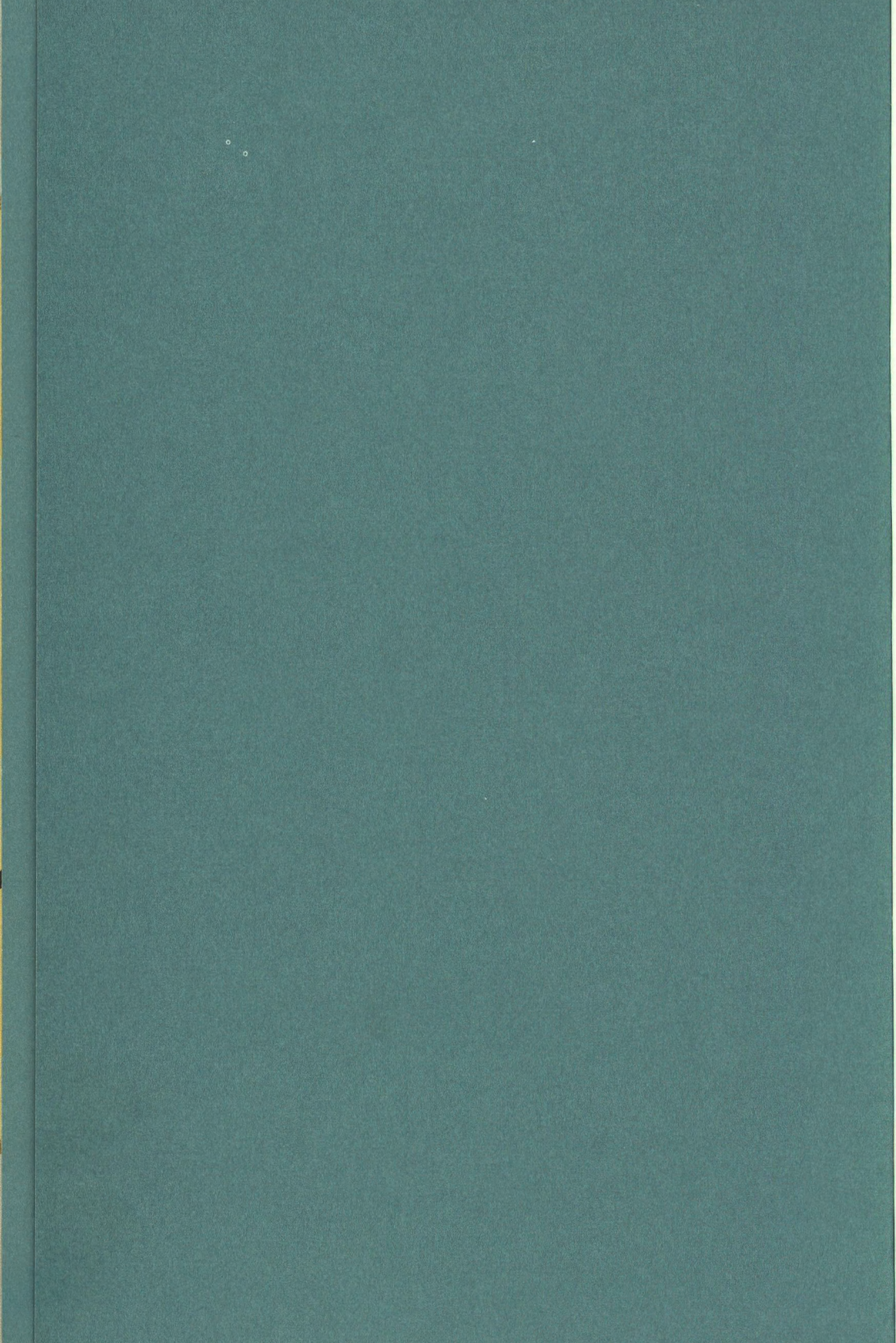














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*Dedicated to my wife, Patty,  
for listening to my evening recitals  
of what I learned each day.*





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In 1879 Clawson became a folk hero when his missionary companion, Joseph Standing, was murdered at Varnell's Station, Georgia. After returning to Salt Lake City, Clawson married his first wife, Florence Ann Dinwoodey, in 1882 and his second, Lydia Elizabeth Spencer, the next year. In 1884 Clawson again gained notoriety when he became the first polygamist Mormon to be convicted and imprisoned for violation of the Edmunds law of 1882. He served one of the longest continuous sentences of any Mormon "cohab" in the Utah Territorial Penitentiary. He was released by presidential pardon on 12 December 1887.<sup>2</sup> Cryptic diary entries, circumstantial evidence, genealogical records, and family tradition combine to support the conclusion that Clawson married another plural wife, Pearl Udall, in August 1904—fourteen years after new polygamous marriages were ostensibly ceased by the Wilford Woodruff Manifesto of 1890.<sup>3</sup>

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Story of Rudger Clawson (Lanham, MD: Madison Books, 1989); Hugh Ireland, "With Rudger Clawson in Europe," *Improvement Era* 40 (Mar. 1937): 152-53, 167; Stan Larson, "Synoptic Minutes of a Quarterly Conference of the Twelve Apostles: The Clawson and Lund Diaries of July 9-11, 1901," *Journal of Mormon History* 14 (1988): 97-119; Stan Larson, ed., *Prisoner for Polygamy: The Memoirs and Letters of Rudger Clawson at the Utah Territorial Penitentiary, 1884-87* (Urbana and Chicago: University of Illinois Press, 1993). S. Norman Lee, "When Box Elder 'Imported' Rudger Clawson," *Improvement Era* 40 (Mar. 1937): 146-47, 166; Richard R. Lyman, "Rudger Clawson," *Millennial Star* 99 (11 Mar. 1937): 152-53; John Nicholson, *The Martyrdom of Joseph Standing: or, the Murder of a "Mormon" Missionary—A True Story. Also an Appendix, Giving a Succinct Description of the Utah Penitentiary* (Salt Lake City: Deseret News Co., 1886); LeRoi C. Snow, "A Matter of History," *Improvement Era* 40 (Mar. 1937): 149; Parry D. Sorensen, "Four-score Years of Devotion," *Millennial Star* 99 (11 Mar. 1937): 149, 154-55; Wilburn D. Talbot, *The Acts of the Modern Apostles* (Salt Lake City: Randall Book Co., 1985); James H. Wallis, "Rudger Clawson," *Millennial Star* 94 (25 Feb. 1932): 121; and John A. Widtsoe, "Rudger Clawson's Service in the Council of the Twelve," *Improvement Era* 40 (Mar. 1937): 140-41.

<sup>2</sup> Clawson gave 13 December 1887 for his release instead of the correct date—1:00 p.m., Monday, 12 December 1887. He gave this date both at the beginning of his large diary (which he began in May 1891) and at the end of his memoirs of prison life. He may have been remembering the exact length of his incarceration—three years, one month, and ten days—not the precise day of his release. That his release was on the day previous is confirmed by the front-page coverage in the *Salt Lake Daily Herald* of 13 December 1887 and the contemporary diaries of George C. Wood and Clawson's half brother, Hiram B. Clawson, Jr.

<sup>3</sup> The evidence for Clawson's marriage to Pearl Udall is found in David S. Hoopes and Roy Hoopes, *The Making of a Mormon Apostle* (based on the research of D. Michael Quinn), and the letters of Elma Udall to Stan Larson, 14 Mar. and 10 Apr. 1989 and a letter of Maria S. Ellsworth to Stan Larson, 30 January 1991. For a discussion of post-Manifesto polygamy by other Mormon apostles, see D. Michael Quinn,



After Clawson left the penitentiary in 1887, he was appointed president of the Box Elder Stake at the suggestion of LDS apostle Lorenzo Snow with whom he had become acquainted while in prison. In 1898 Clawson was ordained an apostle by now LDS president Lorenzo Snow. Another significant event occurred in Clawson's life in 1901 when he was chosen by Snow and sustained at the October general conference as second counselor in the First Presidency of the LDS church. President Snow said to the assembled members concerning this choice: "I have selected one (through, I believe, the manifestations of the Lord), who, I think, will be energetic and strong, will serve the people, and help me and President Joseph F. Smith along in a proper way; and I hope you will sustain and support him."<sup>4</sup> Snow died unexpectedly only four days later, and Clawson earned the distinction of having served in the First Presidency for the shortest period of time.<sup>5</sup> During the last twenty-two years of his life, as president of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles, Clawson was only a heartbeat away from becoming president of the church.

Clawson's extant diaries cover parts of the years 1884 and 1887-1905. They provide a contemporary view of his imprisonment, his assignment as Box Elder stake president, and his early years as an apostle. The first diary is a journal account covering the first month of his imprisonment from 3 November to 1 December 1884. The second diary, labeled "Book O," is a large (9 1/4" x 14") leather volume which covers events from 12 December 1887 until 2 April 1892. It was actually not begun until 1 May 1891 so the first three years are retrospective reflections centered around the various documents and letters he still had in his possession. There are nine small (4 1/4" x 6 3/4") bound diaries, numbered 1 to 9, which cover the period from 3 April 1892 to 2 October 1898. On the front

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"LDS Church Authority and New Plural Marriages, 1890-1904," *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought* 18 (Spring 1985): 9-105; and Kenneth L. Cannon II, "After the Manifesto: Mormon Polygamy 1890-1906," *Sunstone* 8 (Jan.-April 1983): 27-35.

<sup>4</sup> *Conference Reports*, 6 Oct. 1901, 62.

<sup>5</sup> Clawson served seven days. In the diary entry for 10 October he is referred to as "President Rudger Clawson." The next day in a special meeting of the apostles to decide on the funeral arrangements for president Snow, the same title is used. In the minutes for the following Thursday, 17 October 1901, Clawson's name reverts to its old position after Abraham O. Woodruff and before Reed Smoot; Joseph F. Smith had chosen John R. Winder and Anthon H. Lund as his counselors.

endpapers Clawson would occasionally list important events recorded within the diary. For example, book 9 shows “Bishop F. Durfey’s dream page 4” which refers to an announcement that the Millennium would begin thirty years later.<sup>6</sup>

When Clawson became an apostle, he marked the event by purchasing a new and larger (4 3/4" by 7 1/2") diary—known as “No. 10”—and did not finish filling the pages of the previous diary. When this last holographic diary was full, Clawson changed from handwritten to typewritten diaries. The remaining diary pages, numbered Books 11 to 17, are loose, typewritten sheets (7 1/2" x 10") and continue the record to 21 December 1905. The present volume prints material extracted from the last eight diaries, covering a six-year period of his early apostolic career—8 October 1898 to 5 October 1904. The diaries from which the extracts have been made are as follows, with indications of Clawson’s erratic page numbers:

1. Book 10, 8 October 1898 to 7 May 1899, holograph, pagination 1-226, appendix of ordinations 227-29.

2. Book 11, 8 May 1899 to 11 January 1900, typewritten, pagination 1-18, 20-42, 42 1/2, 43-58, 60-129, 129 1/2, 130-31. When Clawson acquired his typewriter in April 1899, he intended to finish the handwritten diary (No. 10) and then begin keeping his diary on typed pages which he intended to have bound.<sup>7</sup> This diary was originally referred to by Clawson as “Book A,” but he decided to continue the numbering established in his handwritten diaries—“Book A” being divided into “Book 11” and the first half of “Book 12.”

3. Book 12, 11 January (continuation in the middle of a word from the previous book) to 12 July 1900, typewritten, pagination 132-200, 1-65.

He decided to stop the numbering at exactly 200 pages,<sup>8</sup> in the middle of the afternoon session of general conference on 7 April 1900.

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<sup>6</sup> See Rudger Clawson diary, front endpaper and 5 Dec. 1897 (recording a visit to Beaver Ward on 28 November 1897).

<sup>7</sup> Ibid., 14 Apr. 1899.

<sup>8</sup> Ibid., 7 Apr. 1900, top of p. 1.



4. Book 13, 13 July 1900 to 17 April 1901, typewritten (typing on both sides of a page starts at 2 August 1900), pagination 66-87, 87 1/2, 88-90, 92-145, 147-205, 207-255.

5. Book 14, 18 April to 29 December 1901, typewritten, pagination 1-246, 250-56, 256a-256c, 257-58.

6. Book 15, 29 December 1901 to 3 January 1903, typewritten pagination 259-332, 332a, 333-72, 374, 373, 375-402, 404, 403, 405-10, 410a, 411-55, 455a, 456-536, 537-50. The numbering skips because a leaf was bound wrong-side up.

7. Book 16, 4 January to 31 December 1903, typewritten (purple carbon copies start at 29 April 1903), pagination 1-277, 478-506, [507].

8. Untitled diary, [Book 17], 1 January 1904 to 21 December 1905, typewritten, pagination 1-318.

On 5 October 1904 President Joseph F. Smith said that “many things were written in [the diaries of the apostles] which if they were to fall into the hands of the enemy might bring trouble upon the church. After the death of the brethren, you cannot tell what may become of their journals.” It was moved and unanimously carried that “the brethren should not write in their journals that which took place in the Council meetings.”<sup>9</sup> That same day Clawson sent his last set of minutes recorded in his diary to Heber J. Grant, who was in England at the time, remarking that “you will see by the ‘leaves’ of today that I am debarred from writing in my journal the doings of the Council, which of necessity debars me from sending you any further ‘leaves.’”<sup>10</sup> The material in Clawson’s diary after this date clearly lies under the shadow of this mandate by President Smith, with only terse summaries instead of the previous complete minutes of council meetings which are the focus of this compilation.<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>9</sup> Ibid., 5 Oct. 1904.

<sup>10</sup> Ibid.

<sup>11</sup> The following are some diary entries made after 5 October 1904: “On Friday I was in meeting with the Presidency and Twelve all day on a matter that it would not be wise to name in my journal” (9 Dec. 1904); “I attended the regular meeting of the brethren in the temple” (8 June 1905); “Thursday was my regular weekly meeting which I attended” (6 July 1905); “On Thursday the 27th I attended the regular meeting of the Presidency and Twelve in the temple” (27 Sept. 1905); “At 3 p.m. attended a meeting of the Presidency and Twelve at the President’s office to consider some

Because the Clawson diaries center around the various meetings he attended, they provide insights into how Mormon church gatherings were structured and what concerns arose and were discussed. There is an invaluable amount of detailed information packed into Clawson's coverage of this six-year period. During his long service to his church, he also spoke at church gatherings of many sizes and in many places. In 1942, one year before his death, he figured he had attended 10,637 meetings and had ordained 5,802 people, fourteen of which involved the restoration of former blessings.<sup>12</sup>

In 1898 Clawson was a fresh, young apostle imbued with a desire to preserve the words and doings of his fellow apostles. In addition to weekly Thursday council meetings in the Salt Lake Temple, there were special quarterly meetings for apostles.<sup>13</sup> Clawson provided complete information on council meetings, including those in attendance, those offering the opening prayer and serving as mouth in the prayer circle at the altar, the hymns sung,<sup>14</sup> weekly assignments to stake conferences, the appointment and release of church officials in wards and stakes, discussion of letters received, church financial reports, and other items discussed.

Publication of the Clawson diaries provides an unequalled opportunity to look into a previously inaccessible area: the deliberations of the highest councils of the LDS church. Clawson was

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matters of importance" (19 Oct. 1905); "On Friday at 9 a.m. I attended a meeting of the Presidency and Twelve at the temple to consider some matters of importance" (20 Oct. 1905); and "At 10 a.m. I attended a meeting of the Presidency and Twelve at the temple at which some matters of vital importance were considered; also attended a meeting of the Twelve at 3 p.m. in further consideration of said matters" (21 Oct. 1905).

<sup>12</sup> Rudger Clawson Collection, Bx 1, Fd 14.

<sup>13</sup> Writing in the late 1920s or early 1930s, Clawson said that these quarterly apostolic meetings were "to unite the brethren more firmly together in the bonds of love and truth. Each brother is given opportunity to express the innermost thoughts of his soul relating to the Gospel of the Redeemer" ("Memoirs of the Life of Rudger Clawson Written by Himself," Clawson Collection, 380).

<sup>14</sup> For example, on 9 October 1902 the brethren sang "Sons of Michael, He Approaches," written by Elias L. T. Harrison in 1861, which promulgates the Adam-God doctrine. See Helen H. Macare, "The Singing Saints: A Study of the Mormon Hymnal, 1835-1950," Ph.D. diss., University of California, Los Angeles, 1961, 391, 561; and the original publication of Harrison's poem in the *Millennial Star* 23 (13 Apr. 1861): 240.

aware that others would read what he had written. At times he addressed his unseen reader: "In order that the reader may have a clear idea. . . ."<sup>15</sup> Accordingly, he does not record in his diary anything that he personally felt was inappropriate or that he did not want future readers to know. But Clawson was such a dedicated diarist, one is able to view through his eyes various developments during this transitional period. They are a gold mine of historical information and provide details of interest to the general reader as well as the serious researcher.

The editorial approach in the present volume follows but does not duplicate previous publications in this series.<sup>16</sup> Regardless of the variation in the diaries, each entry heading (in bold and centered) is given in a consistent pattern of day, date, month, and year. The following are the major guidelines followed.

1. *Spelling*. In the interest of increased readability, improper spelling has been corrected. Those interested in Clawson's particular spelling aberrations can examine the original diaries. Certain inconsistencies in the spelling of names have been retained when the correct spelling is not known.

2. *Paragraphing*. The original paragraphing has been adjusted for greater clarity and consistency. Paragraph changes were made in order to unite or separate topics. Letters quoted have been

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<sup>15</sup> Rudger Clawson diary, 17 Nov. 1901. Another illustration is the entry for 16 October 1900. It falls within an account of a Canadian trip not included in the present compilation: "It might be of interest to the reader to state that while at Butte, [Montana,] at about 8 p.m. I walked through a portion of the city, and discovered evidences of great wickedness. I passed as many as twelve houses of ill-fame on one block. At each window was stationed a prostitute, dressed in gaudy colors, with her face painted and powdered excessively, beckoning to the passerby in male attire to come in and pass the night with her. There were abundant indications that these fallen women were well patronized. 'Verily the way thereof leadeth down to death.'"

<sup>16</sup> See Scott H. Faulring, ed., *An American Prophet's Record: The Diaries and Journals of Joseph Smith* (Salt Lake City: Signature Books in association with Smith Research Associates, 1987); Stanley B. Kimball, ed., *On the Potter's Wheel: The Diaries of Heber C. Kimball* (Salt Lake City: Signature Books in association with Smith Research Associates, 1987); Constance L. Lieber and John Sillito, eds., *Letters from Exile: The Correspondence of Martha Hughes Cannon and Angus M. Cannon, 1886-1888* (Salt Lake City: Signature Books in association with Smith Research Associates, 1989); Jean Bickmore White, ed., *Church, State, and Politics: The Diaries of John Henry Smith* (Salt Lake City: Signature Books in association with Smith Research Associates, 1990); and George D. Smith, ed., *An Intimate Chronicle: The Journals of William Clayton* (Salt Lake City: Signature Books in association with Smith Research Associates, 1991).



indented to set them apart from the rest of the text.

3. *Punctuation.* Where needed for better readability, periods, commas, apostrophes, colons, semi-colons, quotation marks, and question marks have been silently introduced. Clawson's parentheses have been retained, in which he inserted his own comments or added a question mark to distance himself from a statement he is reporting.

4. *Abbreviations.* Abbreviations and contractions used by Clawson have been retained where the meaning is clear from immediate context or general usage, except in the case of a few which are expanded with square brackets.

5. *Symbols.* The @ sign has been changed to "at." The ampersand (&) has been expanded to "and" except in the abbreviations "&c." and "D.&C." Ditto marks ("") have been replaced by appropriate wording.

6. *Capitalization.* Capitalization has generally been altered to fit modern style. When handwriting does not make clear whether upper or lower case letters are intended Clawson's general style is followed.

7. *Manuscript corrections.* Interlinear or marginal corrections by Clawson have been inserted at the appropriate place in the text without indication of the original reading. Words canceled by Clawson—either marked out or erased—have been disregarded.

8. *Annotation.* Footnotes have been added to the text to discuss textual problems or supply additional information.

9. *Editorial Omissions.* The constraint of condensing 3,665 pages of Clawson's diaries into a one-volume edition has necessitated excluding all the material for 3 November to 1 December 1884, 12 December 1887 to 2 October 1898, and 6 October 1904 to 21 December 1905. This allowed more detailed coverage of the first six years of Clawson's apostolic career. Even so, numerous sentences, paragraphs, and pages have been omitted. Since indicating each such deletion with the normally appropriate ellipsis would result in an unreadable text, the three-dot ellipsis is not used. Generally the following kinds of material are silently omitted: eating meals, the number attending a meeting, songs, prayers, the administration of the sacrament, traveling to and from conferences, sustaining of local and general authorities, roll calls, statistical reports, lists of people speaking, lists of ordinations, lists of

latter-day apostles, routine speeches, newspaper clippings, and sleeping accommodations. Clawson's account of talks by general authorities in the April and October conferences are omitted since published Conference Reports are available. On the other hand, the unpublished general priesthood meetings and the closed meetings of general and local authorities during annual and semi-annual conferences are often included. The Thursday temple meetings of the First Presidency and the apostles, as well as the quarterly conferences of the apostles, are the only meetings which are consistently given *in toto*. In the interest of space the remarks of little-known ward and stake officers have usually been omitted from the report of a stake or ward conference, while the talks of general authorities of the church are generally retained. With superfluous items pruned, the resulting condensed account provides a fairly representative picture of Clawson's daily activities and meetings. The original diaries are located in the Rudger Clawson collection, Special Collections, J. Willard Marriott Library, University of Utah, Salt Lake City.

10. *Editorial additions and corrections.* Words that were unintentionally repeated in the original and other similar typographical errors have been silently corrected. Square brackets in the text indicate additions of the present editor, which are made in order to clarify ambiguous statements, indicate that material is lacking in the original, restore omissions, expand initials or uncommon abbreviations, give the correct identification of proper names, fill out the implicit meaning, or insert correct information. The bracketed insertion of *sic* has been made to the text in a few instances to indicate that wording is exactly as given by Clawson.

Last, I have provided a map of the LDS stakes during the period 1898-1904, a chronology of events in Clawson's life, a list of LDS general authorities and of Clawson's families, and an index.

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Rudger  
Clawson*

## CHRONOLOGY

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|------------------|----------|--|
| 1857             |          |  |
|                  | 12 March | Born to Hiram Bradley Clawson and Margaret Gay Judd in Salt Lake City.                                       |
| ca. 1870         |          | Plays the part of a robber in a play entitled "The Robbers of the Rocky Mountains" at the Salt Lake Theatre. |
| 1874-75, 1877-78 |          | Active member of Wasatch Literary Association.   |
| 1875             |          |  |
|                  | 7 March  | Ordained a Seventy by his father, Hiram B. Clawson.  |
| ca. 1875-77      |          | Works as secretary to John W. Young, a railroad contractor, in both Salt Lake City and New York City.        |
| Early 1877       |          | Graduates from Scott-Browne's College of Phonography in New York City.                                       |
|                  | 29 July  | Uses shorthand to report sermon by John Taylor delivered at the Salt Lake tabernacle.                        |



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	2 September	Attends funeral service of Brigham Young; at cemetery uses shorthand to record dedicatory prayer by Wilford Woodruff.
	9, 16, 23 September	Uses shorthand to report sermons by apostles Erastus Snow and George Q. Cannon delivered at the Salt Lake tabernacle.
1879		
	9 April	Called as LDS missionary to Southern States Mission.
	21 July	Witnesses murder of missionary companion, Joseph Standing, by a mob near Varnell's Station, Georgia.
	Late July	Accompanies Standing's body to Salt Lake City, arriving on 1 August 1879.
	3 August	Attends Standing's funeral service in Salt Lake City.
	16 October	Attends trial in Georgia of the three men accused of Standing's murder, resulting in verdict of not guilty.
ca. 1879-80		Works as a corresponding secretary for Zion's Co-operative Mercantile Institution.
ca. 1882-84		Works as bookkeeper for brother, Spencer Clawson, in wholesale dry goods business.
1882		
	12 August	Marries Florence Ann Dinwoodey at the Salt Lake Endowment House. Child: Rudger Elmo.
1883		
	29 March	Marries a plural wife, Lydia Elizabeth Spencer, at the Salt Lake

		Endowment House. Children: Rudger Remus, Hiram Bradley, Margaret Gay, Daniel Spencer, Vera Mary, Samuel George, Lorenzo Snow, Francis Marion, and Lydia.
	December	Receives patriarchal blessing from William J. Smith.
1884	25 October	Convicted for polygamy and unlawful cohabitation.
	3 November	Sentenced by Judge Charles S. Zane to four years imprisonment at Utah Territorial Penitentiary and fined \$800; taken to prison by Marshal Edwin Ireland.
1885	Summer	Divorced by first wife, Florence Ann Dinwoodey.
1887	12 December	Pardoned by U.S. president Grover Cleveland and released from prison.
	20 December	Receives second anointing.
	23 December	Called as president of Box Elder Stake by Wilford Woodruff.
1888	8 January	Moves to Brigham City, Utah.
	5 February	sustained as president of Box Elder Stake at quarterly stake conference.
	12 February	Ordained a high priest and set apart as Box Elder stake president by Lorenzo Snow.
	6 April	Speaks at general conference on polygamy.
ca. 1888-91		Works as abstractor of about 8,000

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- pages of Box Elder County real estate records covering previous nineteen years.
- 1892
- 17 March Attends jubilee celebration commemorating fiftieth anniversary of female Relief Society.
  - 6 April Participates in hosanna shout at Salt Lake tabernacle.
  - 29 October Attends Democratic rally and listens to speech of Apostle Moses Thatcher.
- 1893
- 6 April Attends dedication of Salt Lake temple.
  - 20 April Participates in largest prayer circle ever in celestial room of Salt Lake temple.
  - 4 May Death of son, Daniel Spencer Clawson.
  - 29 August Leaves with Lydia to attend Chicago World's Fair.
- 1894
- 30 January Reports church trial of Weldon Hunsaker of Honeyville, Utah, who was accused of homosexual assault by brothers Peter and Lorenzo.
- 1896
- 6 January Gives patriotic address to celebrate Utah statehood.
  - 9 February Sees smoking ruins of the Brigham City tabernacle when returning from Mantua Ward.
  - 26 July Attends funeral service of Abraham H. Cannon.
- 1897
- 13 March Death of daughter, Vera May Clawson, from drinking furniture cleaning

- fluid with carbolic acid.
- 21 March Attends dedication of new Brigham City tabernacle.
- 1898
- 19 April Death of son, Rudger Elmo Clawson.
- 22 April Attends funeral service of son, Rudger Elmo Clawson, at residence of child's mother, Mrs. Richard Morris (born Florence Ann Dinwoodey).
- 8 September Attends funeral service of Wilford Woodruff.
- 8 October Chosen to be an apostle in temple meeting of the First Presidency and eleven apostles.
- 10 October Ordained an apostle by President Lorenzo Snow.
- 13 October Attends his first council meeting with First Presidency and Quorum of Twelve Apostles in Salt Lake temple.
- 1899
- 5 January Becomes member of the newly created church auditing committee.
- 10 January Attends first quarterly conference of apostles in the Salt Lake temple.
- 12 January Partakes of the first quarterly sacrament of bread and wine with First Presidency and Quorum of Twelve Apostles.
- 27 January Arranges to buy house on Canyon Road in Salt Lake City for \$1,856.
- 14 April Receives as gift from father a #5 Blickensderfer typewriter.
- 8 May Begins using typewriter to make entries in diary.
- 2 July Attends solemn assembly in the Salt Lake temple on subject of tithing.
- 31 July Moves back to Salt Lake City.



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October- November	Travels to Canada to investigate the canal business of Alberta Irrigation Company.
20 November	Released as president of Box Elder Stake.
10 December	Offers dedicatory prayer of Beaver Ward, Box Elder Stake.
12 December	Attends funeral service of Franklin D. Richards at Ogden.
1900	
January- February	Visits Arizona and Mexico.
27 February	Visits 350-year-old Catholic church at Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.
2 April	Attends birthday gathering for President Lorenzo Snow at Salt Lake temple annex.
14 July	Attends meeting at president's office concerning liquidation of Utah Loan and Trust Company.
October- November	Visits Canada.
1901	
17 April	Attends funeral service of Apostle George Q. Cannon.
28 April	Death of son, Francis Marion Clawson.
7 May	Leaves on "Overland Flyer" train for San Francisco to inspect elevators for the Deseret News building.
10 July	Starts writing personal names in full instead of initials.
18 July	Entertains First Presidency, apostles, missionaries to Japan, and their wives at residence on Canyon Road.
19 September	Attends memorial service in honor of U.S. president William McKinley, held in the Salt Lake tabernacle.
6 October	Chosen by President Lorenzo Snow

- and sustained at general conference as second counselor in First Presidency.
- 10 October Lorenzo Snow dies; as a result Clawson is never set apart as counselor in presidency.
- 13 October Attends funeral service of Lorenzo Snow.
- 17 October Resumes position in Quorum of Twelve Apostles.
- 11 December Attends gathering in celestial room of Salt Lake temple in honor of John R. Winder.
- 1902
- 24 September Attends family meeting to inspect loaf of yeastless bread mixed in machine invented by his brother, Selden Clawson.
- 24 December Begins to use the title Elder instead of Apostle.
- 1903
- 4 January Attends lecture by General William P. Booth, founder of Salvation Army.
- 13 January Attends annual meeting of stockholders of Brigham City Roller Mill Company.
- 3 February Elected vice-president of the Salt Lake Knitting Factory.
- 15 April Attends funeral service of Brigham Young, Jr.
- 29 May Attends address by U.S. president Theodore Roosevelt at Salt Lake tabernacle.
- 23 June Takes Lydia and children to Saltair beach at the Great Salt Lake.
- August-September Visits Arizona, Mexico, and California.
- 1 October Exhorted by Marriner W. Merrill to enter into post-Manifesto polygamy.

## CHRONOLOGY

- 10 October      Talks with Lydia about marrying plural wife and receives permission to do so.
- 6 November    Sends important letter to unidentified person but does not explain nature of it.
- 7 November    Attends family reunion with Lydia and children in honor of father's seventy-seventh birthday.
- 11 December   Attends reception by Salt Lake temple workers in honor of John R. Winder.
- 19 December   Receives important letter, which makes him happy, then sends important Christmas present to unidentified "special" friend.

### 1904

- 5 January      Cautioned against exercising keys of sealing in plural marriage.
- 26 March      Attends dedication of Bureau of Information building on Temple Square.
- 6 April        President Joseph F. Smith reaffirms ban against new plural marriages.
- June           Visits Panguitch, Kanab, St. George, and Parowan stakes.
- 23 June        Learns of death of Abraham O. Woodruff on 20 June 1904 due to smallpox at El Paso, Texas.
- 3 August       Marries another plural wife, Pearl Udall.
- 18 November   Death of son, Rudger Remus Clawson.

### 1905

- 22 June        Accompanies Lydia on old folks' train excursion to Brigham City, leaving from Oregon Short Line depot at 8:00 a.m. with 1,148 people.
- 6 September   Leaves Moccasin, Arizona, travels to Rockville and marvels at scenery on

- way and grandeur of rugged cliffs  
around Rockville.
- 16 October Attends meeting with students of  
Beaver branch of Brigham Young  
University.
- 1910
- 7 April Called to preside over European Mission.  
17 May Leaves for Liverpool, England,  
arriving on 4 June 1910.
- 1912
- 15 October Reorganizes French Mission.  
17 November Mobbed in Bristol, England.
- 1913
- 15 April Released from duties in Europe and  
leaves England.
- 1918
- 23 November Sustained as acting president of  
Quorum of Twelve Apostles.
- 1921
- 10 March Sustained as president of Quorum of  
Twelve Apostles.
- 1941
- 1 February Death of wife, Lydia.
- 1942
- 16 December Death of son, Samuel George Clawson.
- 1943
- 21 June Dies in Salt Lake City.

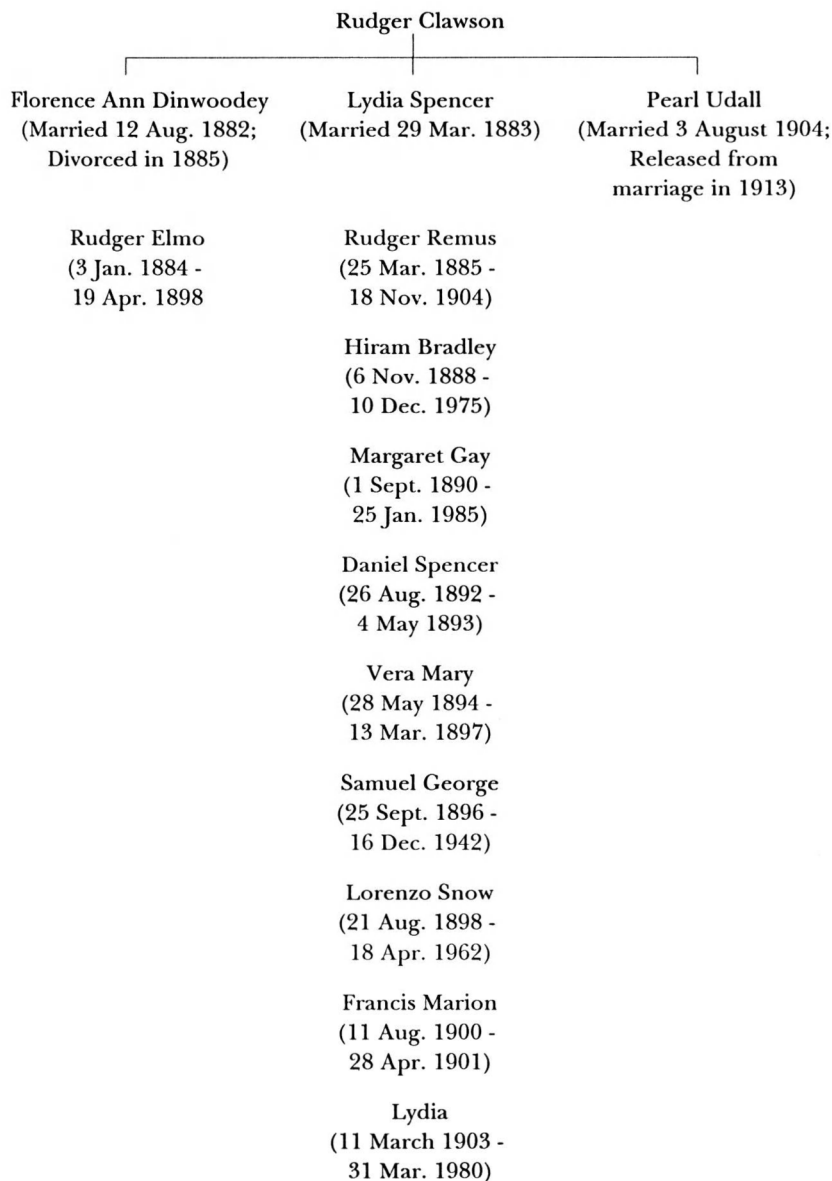




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## THE RUDGER CLAWSON FAMILIES



THE PRESIDING GENERAL AUTHORITIES  
OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS  
1898 TO 1904

NAME	BIRTH	ORDAINED APOSTLE	PRESIDENT OF TWELVE	COUNSELOR IN PRESIDENCY	PRESIDENT OF CHURCH	DEATH
Lorenzo Snow	3 Apr. 1814	12 Feb. 1849	7 Apr. 1889	8 Apr. 1873	13 Sept. 1898	10 Oct. 1901
Franklin D. Richards	2 Apr. 1821	12 Feb. 1849	13 Sept. 1898	—	—	9 Dec. 1899
George Q. Cannon	11 Jan. 1827	26 Aug. 1860	—	8 Apr. 1873	—	12 Apr. 1901
Joseph F. Smith	13 Nov. 1838	1 July 1866	—	1 July 1866	17 Oct. 1901	19 Nov. 1918
Brigham Young, Jr.	18 Dec. 1836	4 Feb. 1864	17 Oct. 1901	8 Apr. 1873	—	11 Apr. 1903
Francis M. Lyman	12 Jan. 1840	27 Oct. 1880	6 Oct. 1903	—	—	18 Nov. 1916
John Henry Smith	18 Sept. 1848	27 Oct. 1880	—	7 Apr. 1910	—	13 Oct. 1911
George Teasdale	8 Dec. 1831	16 Oct. 1882	—	—	—	9 June 1907
Heber J. Grant	22 Nov. 1856	16 Oct. 1882	23 Nov. 1916	—	23 Nov. 1918	14 May 1945
John W. Taylor <sup>1</sup>	15 May 1858	9 Apr. 1884	—	—	—	10 Oct. 1916



Marriner W. Merrill	25 Sept. 1832	7 Oct. 1889	—	—	6 Feb. 1906
Anthon H. Lund	15 May 1844	7 Oct. 1889	—	17 Oct. 1901	2 Mar. 1921
Matthias F. Cowley <sup>2</sup>	25 Aug. 1858	7 Oct. 1897	—	—	16 June 1940
Abraham O. Woodruff	23 Nov. 1872	7 Oct. 1897	—	—	20 June 1904
Rudger Clawson	12 Mar. 1857	10 Oct. 1898	17 Mar. 1921	6 Oct. 1901	21 June 1943
Reed Smoot	10 Jan. 1862	8 Apr. 1900	—	—	9 Feb. 1941
John R. Winder <sup>3</sup>	11 Dec. 1821	17 Oct. 1901	—	17 Oct. 1901	27 Mar. 1910
John Smith <sup>4</sup>	22 Sept. 1832	—	—	—	6 Nov. 1911
Hyrum M. Smith	21 Mar. 1872	24 Oct. 1901	—	—	23 Jan. 1918
George Albert Smith	4 Apr. 1870	8 Oct. 1903	1 July 1943	—	21 May 1945 4 Apr. 1951
Charles W. Penrose	4 Feb. 1832	7 July 1904	—	7 Dec. 1911	16 May 1925

<sup>1</sup> Resigned as apostle, 28 October 1905; excommunicated 28 March 1911; posthumously reinstated 21 May 1965.

<sup>2</sup> Resigned as apostle, 28 October 1905; deprived of priesthood 11 May 1911; returned to full membership 3 April 1936.

<sup>3</sup> Though never a member of the Quorum of the Twelve, the diary of John Henry Smith indicates that John R. Winder was ordained an apostle and then set apart as first counselor in the First Presidency.

<sup>4</sup> Ordained Patriarch to the Church 18 February 1855.

# MAP OF THE STAKES OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS 1898-1904



*The*  
**D O C U M E N T S**



*I. Diary Ten*  
*8 October - 5 May*

1898 - 1899

*Call to the Apostleship*  
*"Let others speak"*

**Saturday, 8 October 1898**

[Editor's note: Clawson, not in attendance at this meeting, is quoting from the diary of Apostle Heber J. Grant, currently housed in the archives of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.]

There was a meeting of the First Presidency and Apostles held in the Celestial Room of the Temple immediately after the close of the morning session of the regular conference, all of the Presidency and eleven of the Quorum being present. At the request of Prest. [Lorenzo] Snow, the Apostles handed to him suggestions of brethren whom they would like to be chosen to fill the vacancy in the quorum of the Apostles. Prest. Snow and his Counselors then withdrew to consider the names. After their return I (Heber J. Grant) have recorded in my journal the following:

Upon the return of the Presidency, Prest. Snow said that it was a very solemn thing to fill a vacancy in the Quorum of the Apostles. Our union for many years has been of the most perfect kind, and we hope it will continue to be perfect in the future. Said that he and his Counselors had met and read the names of those suggested to fill the Vacancy in the Quorum of the Apostles. We are perfectly

united. He was sure we would want the man whom the Lord approved of and that none of us desire that our own judgment shall prevail. Said: *I know that we have the mind of the Lord, and I know it just as perfectly as I have ever Known anything.* The man we have chosen, and upon whom we are perfectly united, is Rudger Clawson. Prest. Franklin D. Richards moved that we sustain the choice of the Presidency and the motion was unanimously sustained.

Prest. Snow then said he wanted to say something about Rudger Clawson. Said that when he was in the Penitentiary he became intimately acquainted with Bro. Clawson and learned his worth. While in the "Pen" with Bro. Clawson it was manifested to him that Bro. Clawson should be chosen to preside over the Box Elder Stake. You are all familiar, brethren, with that horrible scene through which Bro. Clawson passed in the Southern States while on a mission there and at the time Elder Joseph Standing was killed. When Bro. Standing was killed the man in charge of the mob ordered them to turn their guns on Bro. Clawson and fire. Bro. Clawson closed his eyes and waited for a moment or two, expecting to have the bullets of the assassins crash through his brain. When they did not fire, he opened his eyes and saw the guns were still pointing at him, but the leader countermanded the order to fire.

Brother Clawson during his long confinement in the "Pen" (3 yrs., 1 mo., 10 days) for plural marriage made a good record. When he was told that he was wanted for the President of the Box Elder Stake, he was willing to go and did go. When Prest. Snow went to Box Elder Stake to place someone in the office of President of that Stake, he met with the High Council and they did not seem to be able to agree upon a man, and finally a motion was carried for him to name the President, and he presented the name of Rudger Clawson, who was unanimously sustained. He had had no experience in preaching but had been faithful, and Bro. Snow said he did not know of any young man who had improved as Bro. Clawson had done.

Prest. Snow closed his remarks by saying, as nearly as I can remember: "I feel to say to you, my brethren, God bless you because you are willing to gather here, and in perfect union accept the mind and will of the Lord."



**Monday, 10 October 1898**

Ordination of Rudger Clawson to the office of an Apostle in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 12 o'clock noon. The First Presidency and Apostles (Eleven) laid their hands upon him, Prest. Lorenzo Snow being mouth. The following is a verbatim report of the ordination:

Brother Rudger Clawson, in the name of the Lord Jesus and by virtue of the Holy Priesthood, we place our hands upon your head and we ordain you an Apostle in the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles and confer upon you all the gifts, blessings, rights, Keys, and powers that pertain unto this holy and sacred Apostleship. And we say unto you, Brother Rudger, in the name of the Lord, inasmuch as you will be humble and seek the Lord for His Spirit, it shall be even as the Spirit of revelation upon you, which it is your privilege to have as an Apostle and to testify of your Knowledge that there is a God over the inhabitants of the earth, and that there is a Jesus, the Son of the living God, who was crucified upon Mount Calvary—that you may testify of this, having a most perfect Knowledge of it by the power of God and the Holy Ghost.

All the blessings, all the qualifications, and all that is necessary to make you perfect in this Apostleship, in the name of the Lord Jesus we seal upon you, and say that these blessings that we have sealed upon you shall continue upon you during your life and also throughout all eternity. These blessings, gifts, powers, rights, and Keys we seal upon you in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

President Lorenzo Snow delivered the following charge to Brother Rudger Clawson [age forty-one]: A few words I want to say as to the obligations you are placed under now that you have received the Apostleship. The Lord will reveal unto you according to your faithfulness and the circumstances and the duties that will be required of you. You must understand that it is not man that has chosen you; it is not the wisdom of man that has selected you. If it had been man that selected you, or the wisdom of man, there would be a possibility of a failure in the future, and you would not be so well satisfied if you understood that you had been selected by a Council that talked over this matter in a common way, as we generally talk over matters of lesser importance. But you have been chosen because the Lord wanted you to fill this place and because of your faithfulness in the past. You have been

placed in circumstances that have been very tempting to you to depart a little from the path of wisdom, and you have resisted those temptations, and you have kept in the path of truth and righteousness, just where the Lord wanted you to keep. You have been wonderfully blessed. I do not know of any young man that has been called to positions like you have been, or any other important positions that the Lord has blessed any more than he has blessed you. It seems that almost every effort you have made has been a success. You were willing to go to the penitentiary for nearly three years, I think. (3 yrs., 1 mo., 10 days.) You had the opportunity of escaping that if you had been pleased to have done so; but you performed your duty under those circumstances acceptably to the Lord and pleasing to your brethren. And now you have been appointed of the Lord to a high and holy calling. Your success depends entirely upon yourself. There is no man that lives and no impediment that you can get into your path, but will be removed, and you will go right along, providing that you preserve your humility, and your meekness, and lowliness, as you have done in the past. Do not think of yourself when important duties are to be performed wherein perhaps there might be advantages to yourself, but think of what the Lord requires of you; think of the good that will be accomplished to others without reference to yourself at all. In this way you can go on and your faith [will] be increased.

You are now, of course, the youngest of the Apostles, so far as coming into the quorum is concerned. There are many of this Quorum that have been in this relation to the Church, as apostles, for a great many years, and have had a long experience, and the Lord has blessed them wonderfully. You must not expect that at once you can feel yourself at home and be equal with them in that knowledge which they have obtained through perseverance and a long movement in the path of duty; that you can be as wise and prudent as they, their experience having given them the right to blessings that have been very great to them in the line pertaining to their duties. You will, of course, not feel it your duty to take up all the time, but to let others speak. Let those who have had long experience speak when it comes to matters of high importance and you listen. Do not occupy too much time at first. Wait until you have had the experience and get the wisdom and

the understanding the Lord has given to them and will give to you.

Now, Brother Clawson, we are glad to receive you. President Richards, who is President of the Quorum of the Twelve, is glad to receive you, and all the brethren of the Quorum welcome you to the Quorum with their whole hearts. The more they get acquainted with you, Brother Clawson, the more they will love you; and the more you get acquainted with the brethren, the more you will love them. Move along slowly and pause as you make your steps along; and the Lord will be with you. He will be your leader, and His Spirit will suggest how you should act under the circumstances that may surround you.

Now, we all feel, Brother Clawson—I speak in the name of my Counselors and the brethren of the Twelve—we all feel to welcome you with all our hearts. God bless you.

President Joseph F. Smith said: There is one principle that I would like to have presented to Brother Clawson. Perhaps, Prest. Snow, it may not be my place to do that, but as it did not come to your mind, I thought I would like to mention this fact, that one of the great callings and special duties of the Apostles is to become a living witness of the Lord Jesus Christ; to know Him and to be able to testify that He is the Son of God and the Savior of the world. That is essential to the calling of an Apostle of Jesus Christ.

Another principle is, that the Apostles must acknowledge the order and organization of the Priesthood and the united counsels of the leading presiding quorums of the Priesthood as supreme above his own judgment, his own predilections, choice, or desires, no matter how strong his predilections, desires, or choice may be. All the Apostles and all those holding the Priesthood, especially in the Council of the Apostles and of the First Presidency, we must covenant and agree before God, angels, and men, and with each other, that we will acknowledge this organization that God has instituted as His supreme authority on earth. We must do that in order to preserve the integrity of the work of the Lord and of the organization of the Holy Priesthood. This is one thing that Brother Clawson, as well as each of us, must accede to in order to obtain the spirit of the Apostleship.

President George Q. Cannon: I would like Brother Rudger Clawson to understand, when he takes upon himself this ministry,

that it is the first and most important thing, that he should not set this aside to attend to anything else. His whole life, and all that pertains to his power of life, his talents, and everything should be devoted exclusively to the Apostleship and everything else should be entirely subordinate to that.

Elder Rudger Clawson then made the following remarks: All I can say, brethren, is that I very much appreciate the instructions and suggestions that have been given and I fully accept and endorse them. I feel very weak—a great deal more so than I did at the conference.

Since I have come to think the matter over, a great deal has opened up to my mind. If I could not feel that this call had come to me from the Lord, I would shrink from it, I could not accept it, because the responsibility of it, it seems to me, is so very great that no man of his own wisdom could magnify a calling of this kind. With that feeling in my heart, and the testimonies given here that this is a call from the Lord, that it is His will, why, I feel very much blessed in it and in the acceptance of it; and all that I ask at this time, brethren, is that I may have the faith and prayers of the brethren. If I can have the prayers in my behalf of the Presidency of the Church, of the President of the Twelve, and of my brethren of the Twelve—if I can have their prayers, and sympathy, and support to sustain me—I will endeavor humbly to do my duty and to be one with you. I have been one with you always in my feelings; I have always sustained with my whole heart the Presidency of this Church in their calling and I have accepted and revered their counsels. I believe that my success, if I have attained to any success in the Box Elder Stake where I presided, is due to this spirit to submit fully to the counsels of the Presidency of this Church and the brethren who have presided over me; and I believe that my success in the future can only be in following those lines.

I pray fervently that the Spirit of this appointment and the Spirit of the Apostleship may rest upon me and that I may live so as to deserve the confidence of my brethren. That is all I ask, and I ask it in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

4 p.m. The First Presidency and the Twelve Apostles and their wives were invited to take dinner with Brother John R. Winder at "Poplar Farm," a few miles south of Salt Lake City. All were present. A sumptuous repast was provided and the afternoon

passed swiftly and pleasantly away.

**Tuesday, 11 October 1898**

10 a.m. I assisted Prest. Franklin D. Richards, Apostles Brigham Young [Jr.], F[rancis] M. Lyman, Anthon H. Lund, Elders Fjeldsted and J. G[olden] Kimball in setting apart missionaries who had been called to preach the Gospel to the nations of the earth. About 40 missionaries were set apart. Valuable instructions were given by Prest. Richards and Apostles Lyman, Young, and Lund.

The following letters are explanatory:

At Home  
Oct. 10, 1898  
Ogden City

Apostle Rudger Clawson,  
Brigham City, Utah.

Dear Brother:

Permit me to congratulate you upon your election as one of the Twelve Apostles of our Church. I sincerely hope that the calling will be agreeable to you and that you may be blessed of our Heavenly Father to serve him in that position the remainder of a long and faithful life and that each succeeding year may bring to you increasing assurance of the satisfaction of the people with your administration of the office and of their love and esteem of you.

Praying that the Almighty may specially endow you for the high office, I remain, with profoundest respect,

Your brother in the Gospel,  
(signed) C. C. Richards.

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Salt Lake City  
Oct. 11, 1898

C. C. Richards,  
Ogden, Utah.

Dear Brother:

Your esteemed favor of the 10th inst[ant] came

duly to hand. Permit me to thank you for the very kind wishes concerning my appointment therein expressed, and to say they are indeed highly appreciated.

I am sensible of the great responsibility that comes with this call and realize that no living mortal in his own wisdom and of himself could meet it. I shall, therefore, strive for the Spirit of the Apostleship, and do earnestly pray for the good wishes, faith, and support of the Latter-day Saints. Truly, it may be said, the Lord has chosen a weak vessel to bear witness of his power and authority in the earth.

Very truly, your brother in the Gospel,  
[signed] Rudger Clawson.

**Wednesday, 12 October 1898**

The following is the copy of a letter from my brother Spencer Clawson, who was in the east buying goods for the firm of Spencer Clawson and Co.:

New York  
Oct. 12, 1898

Dear Rud:

It was very gratifying to the little colony here (meaning Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Easton and his daughter Clara) to learn of your elevation to the Quorum of Apostles, and especially so to me for I am proud to know that I have a brother who is deemed worthy to fill the important place. Will it necessarily change your place of residence to Salt Lake, or can you still remain President of the Box Elder Stake?

I pray you may be blessed in your new duties and prospered in every way.

Your brother,  
(signed) Spencer Clawson

I did not answer this letter, as I had been given to understand that he would leave for home before a letter could reach him.

Another letter:



Salt Lake City  
Oct. 12, 1898

Elder Rudger Clawson.

My Dear Brother:

When your name was mentioned last Sunday for the Apostleship, my heart was filled with emotion and increased love for you, in the thought that God our Father was thus willing to so honor you. I was deeply impressed to unfold to you my feelings, as your name had just previously passed through my mind. You have always been in my thoughts when thinking of my best friends and associations during my incarceration (at the Penitentiary).

God bless you, brother Rudger, in your new responsibilities is the prayer and desire of your brother in the Covenant.

(signed) Samuel F. Ball.

**Thursday, 13 October 1898**

11 a.m. I met for the first time with First Presidency and Quorum of the Twelve at their regular weekly meeting. Present: the First Presidency and 7 of the Twelve [the remainder being out of town or ill].

The principal matter of interest that came before the meeting was the contemplated trip of the authorities to Omaha to be present and take part in the exercises arranged for Utah Day at the Exposition. Free passage had been tendered by the Railroad Company and the following brethren signified their intention of going: The Presidency, Brigham Young, H[eber] J. Grant, and A[braham] O. Woodruff. Prest. Lorenzo Snow was mouth in prayer.

**Friday, 28 October 1898**

Made a trip to Salt Lake and return[ed]. Called on Prest. [Snow] and arranged in part for the organization of the Sunset Branch into a ward. Talked over the propriety of looking out for a home in Salt Lake City. Prest. Snow thought it would be proper and wise to take steps in the direction of purchasing in Salt Lake.

**Thursday, 3 November 1898**

Trip to Salt Lake. 11 a.m. Meeting of First Presidency and Apostles. Pres. Snow stated that Pres. W[illiam] H. Seegmiller of Richfield had asked permission to appeal to the Latter-day Saints for assistance in rebuilding the Sevier Stake Tabernacle, which had been destroyed by fire, and had also asked for help from the Church. The feeling of the brethren was that Elder Seegmiller's request be granted so far as appealing to the saints was concerned, but it was decided that the Church, owing to its indebtedness, was not in a position to render any assistance whatever.

Apostle R. Clawson presented a plan for preserving current history in the stakes of Zion. Submitted blank forms covering the plan. Pres. Geo. Q. Cannon moved that the matter be referred to Pres. F[ranklin] D. Richards. Carried. Prayer by Pres. F. D. Richards.

**Thursday, 10 November 1898**

11 a.m. Meeting of the First Presidency and Apostles at the Salt Lake Temple. Pres. Snow and 1st Counselor [George Q. Cannon] and Pres. F. D. Richards and 7 apostles present.

A letter from Wm. Parkinson, Pres. of Pocatello Stake, was read in which he stated that he had selected his counselors, namely, Wm. A. Hyde and [his brother] Frank Parkinson. The brethren approved the name of Wm. A. Hyde but disapproved of that of Frank Parkinson, solely on account of relationship.

Apostle Lyman stated Pres. [Christian G.] Larsen of Emery Stake desired to resign on account of failing health. It was, therefore, decided to release him and appoint Reuben Miller to succeed him in the presidency of that stake.

Apostle R. Clawson called attention to the wish of the Saints of Sunset Branch, Box Elder Stake, to be organized into a ward. It was decided to give them an organization, and Apostles J[ohn] H[enry] Smith and R. Clawson, who were appointed to attend the Box Elder Stake Conference, Nov. 13 and 14, [18]98, were instructed to attend to the matter. (The 15th Nov. was the time set for the organization.)

Pres. Snow said that the *Deseret News* had been turned over to the Church and that C[harles]. W. Penrose had been selected to edit it. Asked an expression of the brethren with reference to the

selection. It was moved that he be sustained in this appointment. Carried by full vote.

The question of a manager was discussed, the names of J[oseph] W. Summerhays and H[orace] G. Whitney being suggested. Remarks were made in favor of H. G. Whitney by Apostle Grant. Pres. F. D. Richards spoke in favor of J. W. Summerhays. The matter was left to the discretion of the Presidency.

Apostle J. H. Smith suggested the propriety of withdrawing the *Deseret Evening News* be withdrawn [sic] as a daily paper and issued as a weekly journal. Spoke at some length in favor of his views. Pres. Jos. F. Smith spoke as against the idea of making a change but thought an improvement should be made in the manner and style in which the paper is conducted. Pres. F. D. Richards, Apostles [Francis M.] Lyman, [Anthon H.] Lund, [Heber J.] Grant, [George] Teasdale, [Matthias F.] Cowley, and Clawson were in favor of a daily issue. No vote was taken, but the matter seemed rather to be left to judgment of the Presidency. Some of the brethren were of opinion that, in order to give the paper influence and prestige among the Saints, Pres. Snow's name should appear as Editor, but the idea did not meet with his approval. Pres. Jos. F. Smith suggested that if Brother Penrose were called to the editorship of the *News*, he should be released as Counselor in the Presidency of the Salt Lake Stake. Pres. Cannon thought that, before action was taken, he ought to be consulted, as possibly he might wish for no change. It was so ordered.

With reference to Bro. W. A. Hyde I omitted to state that it was the mind of the brethren that he be written to, asking if his circumstances were such to justify him in accepting a counselorship in the presidency of the Pocatello Stake. This in view of the fact that he would have to move his family and interests from Downey Ward, where he now resides presiding as Bishop, to Pocatello. Prayer by Apostle J. H. Smith.

I returned to Brigham City on the 8:45 p.m. train.

### Thursday, 17 November 1898

Left at 6:10 a.m. for Salt Lake. 11 a.m. Meeting of First Presidency and Apostles. Present: Pres. L. Snow and Jos. F. Smith, Prest. F. D. Richards and 8 Apostles.

A letter from Wm. A. Hyde of Downey Ward, Pocatello Stake,

accepting appointment as first counselor in said stake presidency and expressing a willingness to move to Pocatello, was read and approved.

A letter from Collins Haig [Hakes], Prest. Maricopa Stake, was read respecting the intended removal of some families from the stake and saying that it would be detrimental to the interests of that part of Zion. The matter was discussed, Pres. J. F. Smith and Apostles J. H. Smith and H. J. Grant speaking. It was decided that a letter be written to Pres. H., instructing him to discourage emigration from his stake, this being the mind of the First Presidency.

A report showing forth the present condition of the Sandwich Island [colony] in Tooele Stake was read. It was very favorable and showed a progressive spirit.

Apostle Rudger Clawson reported that on Tuesday, Nov. 15, 1898, he and his counselors visited the Sunset Branch and organized a ward with Walter L. Grover as Bishop. Also organized a Relief Society and Primary, the branch already having a Sunday School, Y.M.M.I.A., [and] Y.L.M.I.A. [Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association and Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Association]. The voting, he said, was unanimous. He also further reported that the people there objected to the name of Sunset and wanted that of Garland. It was decided by vote that the new ward be named Garland.

The following appointments were made for quarterly conferences convening Nov. 19 and 20 and Nov. 20 and 21: John Henry Smith, San Pete; F. M. Lyman, Millard; M. F. Cowley and R. Clawson, Pocatello; Pres. L. Snow, Salt Lake; H. J. Grant, Y.M.M.I.A. Con[ference]. at Tooele. Prayer by Apostle A. H. Lund.

#### **Saturday, 26 November 1898**

For several days past our little baby (2 1/2 months of age), Lorenzo, has been very sick with croup and other ailments but through the principle of faith and careful nursing, he is rapidly improving.

#### **Thursday, 1 December 1898**

6 a.m. Took train for Salt Lake. 11 a.m. Regular meeting of the brethren of the authorities. Present: First Presidency, Pres. F.

D. Richards, and 9 Apostles, and Presiding Bishopric. A letter from Reuben G. Miller, Emery Stake, accepting the presidency thereof was read and approved.

Pres. Snow submitted for the consideration of the brethren the proposed plan of getting out an issue of \$500,000 in bonds to meet a portion of the Church indebtedness. Said bonds to be placed among the Latter-day Saints; payable in 11 years at 6% per annum. A fund to be created to pay bonds at maturity and also to pay the interest half-yearly. The Presidency had given the matter some attention and thought it feasible. It is deemed advisable that two brethren of good financial standing and judgment be appointed as trustees to look after the business connected with the issuance of the bonds and the payment of principal and interest. It was moved by Prest. G. Q. Cannon and seconded by Pres. J[oseph] F. Smith that 50,000.00 be set apart yearly as a sinking fund to mature the bonds. Some discussion ensued. It was stated by Bp. [Bishop] J. R. Winder upon request for information that the income of the Church at present is about \$600,000 and the running expenses about \$400,000. Prest. Cannon spoke in favor of the motion as made by himself. Prest. Snow explained the financial condition of the Church, saying that it was heavily involved, the indebtedness being about \$1,500,000 and every effort should be made to cancel same. Pres. F. D. Richards, Apostle Merrill, Bp. [William B.] Preston, Winder, and [Robert T.] Burton all favor the \$50,000. Apostle J. H. [Heber J.] Grant favored a \$25,000 sinking fund. The motion prevailed.

Pres. Snow called for the views of the brethren as to the two trustees. The names of L. S. Hills, David Eccles, and Jno. [John] C. Cutler were suggested. Some opposition as to the name of L. S. Hills arose in the discussion that followed. Upon motion of Apostle Merrill the matter of selecting the trustees was left with the First Presidency. It was moved and carried by unanimous vote that bonds to the amount of \$500,000.00 be issued by the Church.

Apostle Rudger Clawson called attention to the fact that there is a lack of uniformity in presenting the General and Stake Authorities in the stakes of Zion. A necessity for uniformity was shown by the remarks of some of the brethren, but the matter was left for further discussion. Prayer by Apostle A. H. Lund.

**Thursday, 8 December 1898**

11 a.m. Weekly meeting of the authorities. Present: First Presidency, President F. D. Richards, and 7 apostles. A letter from Presidency of Woodruff Stake was read. It related to a location for a townsite. A letter from Brigham Young [was read], giving an account of his travels in the southern part of the state. Some discussion respecting the bond issue was indulged in. Elder H. J. Grant reported \$76,000.00 promised for the Ogden bank. Stake quarterly conferences were made as follows: Salt Lake, Dec. 10 and 11, Pres. G. Q. Cannon, Pres. J. F. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, J. H. Smith; Morgan, Dec. 11 and 12, F. M. Lyman and A. H. Lund; Box Elder, Dec. 11 and 12, Y.M.M.I.[A.] Con., M. F. Cowley and R. Clawson; Sevier, Dec. 11 and 12, Y.M.M.I.A. Con., H. J. Grant. Prayer by Pres. Jos. F. Smith.

Left for Brigham City at 8:45 p.m.

**Thursday, 15 December 1898**

11 a.m. Regular meeting of the authorities at temple. Present: Pres. Snow and Counselors, Pres. Richards and 5 Apostles. Appointments to stake conferences were made as follows: Pres. G. Q. Cannon, J. F. Smith, and Apostle Grant to Davis; Apostle J. H. Smith to Brigham; and Apostle Rudger Clawson to Malad.

A letter from Apostle Geo. Teasdale, stating that his wife was dangerously ill from confinement and asking the faith and prayers of the brethren, was read.

Apostle A. H. Lund presented some letters from Brother F. F. Hintze, asking help for the Turkish Mission. Being asked how much he thought ought to be appropriated, he replied \$350.00.

Question: When an illegitimate child is brought to be blessed, shall it bear the father's or the mother's name? It was thought the mother should have the right [to] determine this point.

Apostle Rudger Clawson wanted to know if the authorities approved of the teachings of a certain sister by the name of Hannah Sorensen, relating particularly to "diet" and "marital relations of the sexes." Stated that she was so radical in her views upon these subjects that harm was being done among young married women in the Box Elder Stake, who had studied in her classes. Some discussion ensued, and the general opinion seemed to be that Sister Sorensen was a "frank," or in other words, an



extremist. Apostle Lyman was mouth in prayer.

Returned to Brigham City at 8:45 p.m.

### **Thursday, 22 December 1898**

Left Brigham City at 6:10 a.m. for Salt Lake. 11 a.m. Meeting of the brethren. Present: Presidents Cannon and Smith, Pres. Richards, and 7 Apostles.

Apostle A[braham] Owen Woodruff reported his visit to some of the stakes south of Salt Lake. Said he had had a very pleasant and profitable trip. Held conference at Snowflake on the 13th and 14th Nov. There was some division among the saints upon the matter of selecting an academy site in Snowflake, but he finally succeeded in uniting the people upon that point. Also held conferences at Maricopa and St. Joseph Stakes. Found affairs in St. Joseph Stake in good condition.

It was moved and carried that some steps be taken to establish a mission among the Jacky [Yaqui] Indians and that the matter be referred to Apostle Brigham Young.

Also, the question of abandoning, or at least giving the Saints liberty to abandon, certain settlements in the South owing to unfavorable conditions was referred to Apostles Brigham Young, F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, and A. O. Woodruff.

The absence of Pres. Snow from the meeting was due to the death of his daughter, Lydia Snow Pierce. Prayer by Apostle Rudger Clawson.

7 p.m. Called upon Pres. Snow, who told me that it had been decided to bury Sister Pierce in Brigham City; the funeral to take place at 11 a.m., Saturday morning, Dec. 24, 1898. He requested me to make all necessary arrangements for the services. Left for home at 8:45 p.m.

### **Sunday, 25 December 1898**

Christmas. Spent the day pleasantly but quietly at Brigham City. At 1 p.m. sat down with the family to a Turkey Dinner. In the afternoon attended services at the Tabernacle. The speakers were Reuben Alvord, Henry Blackburn, and Jas. [James] Larsen, Jr., returned missionaries from the Southern States, who gave an interesting account of their labors. At 6 p.m. Sister Clawson and myself and others sat down to a Christmas supper at Sister Ann Burt's.

**Thursday, 29 December 1898**

Left for Salt Lake at 6:10 a.m. 11 a.m. Weekly meeting of the brethren. Present: Presidents G. Q. Cannon, Jos. F. Smith, and F. D. Richards, and 9 Apostles.

A letter from Pres. David K. Udall, relative to the condition of the Ramah Ward, was read. He stated that the membership of the ward was small and the Saints had a difficult time to get along. Either the ward should be strengthened by immigration or the people be permitted, if they so desired, to move away. Also, a letter from Bp. [Samuel E.] Lewis of Ramah to the same effect. By motion the matter was referred to the committee appointed at the last meeting. A letter from Fred Lundberg of Robinson was read. He stated that he and some others had thought of making a settlement in a certain locality in the Mammoth District Tintic, and asked for counsel as to whether they should proceed or not. Everything was favorable except as to the water supply. It was moved and carried that the matter be referred to Wm. H. Seegmiller, Pres. [of the] Juab [Sevier] Stake.

It was suggested by Pres. Cannon that a committee be appointed whose duty it should be to use an influence and take whatever steps were necessary to have the Federal Court House located on the Deseret News Corner. After some discussion it was moved and carried that a committee of three be appointed to look into the matter and suggest the names of some 3 or 5 to the First Presidency for said committee. Pres. Cannon named Heber J. Grant, M. F. Cowley, and John H. Smith. Prayer by Apostle Jno. W. Taylor.

**Wednesday, 4 January 1899**

2 p.m. Special meeting of the brethren at the President's office. Present: First Presidency, Pres. F. D. Richards, Elders Heber J. Grant, F. M. Lyman, M. F. Cowley, J. H. Smith, A. H. Lund, George Teasdale, and R. Clawson of the Quorum of the Twelve, [and] Jno. R. Winder, and LeGrande Young.

Pres. Snow stated that it was thought to be desirable to make a second issue of bonds to the amount of \$500,000.00. The first issue had been rapidly taken up, and the second issue, if made, would doubtless find a market. The money, he said, would be needed by the Church. The matter was then submitted to the

brethren. It was moved by Elder J. H. Smith and seconded by M. F. Cowley that the second issue of bonds for \$500,000 be made. Carried by unanimous vote.

Pres. Snow stated that the Church would be called upon tomorrow (Jan. 5, 1898 [1899]) to pay \$45,000 interest on certain bonds of the Pioneer Power Co. After some explanations were offered showing the relationship of the Church to said company, it was decided by unanimous vote to pay said amount.

#### **Thursday, 5 January 1899**

11 a.m. Regular weekly meeting. Present: First Presidency, Pres. F. D. Richards, and 9 of the Apostles, namely, F. M. Lyman, H. J. Grant, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, J. W. Taylor, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, A. O. Woodruff, and R. Clawson.

A letter from Fred B. Brooke, missionary, Indianapolis, Ind., was read. It was addressed to Chas. R. Savage and related to the building of a meeting house, and Bro. Savage desired to know if the authorities approved of the Elders abroad appealing to the saints in Zion for help in erecting houses of worship. The question was not answered.

The committee appointed to look into the matter relating to the Ramah Ward were called upon for a report, but, owing to the sickness of Elder B. Young, asked for further time. Granted.

The committee on Federal Court House named the following brethren as a working committee, viz., Thos. G. Webber, W. S. McCornick, and Jno. C. Cutler. The com. was authorized by the meeting to see these brethren and ascertain if they would act.

Apostle Lund referred the brethren to a letter from Elder Petersen, Copenhagen, to Elder [Christian D.] Fjeldsted in which he urged that the saints of Copenhagen, assisted by the Scandinavians of Utah, should purchase a meeting hall with tenements above (4-story building) now offered for sale for \$20,000, \$5000 payable down. The rent would pay the interest on the \$20,000 and leave a surplus of \$250.00 per year. Bro. Lund stated that in this case the church was not called upon for help, but he desired to know if the Presidency approved of the idea and would authorize some steps to be taken to secure the aid of the Utah Scandinavian Saints. It was suggested by Pres. Snow that it would be better to call upon the brethren for loans at the present time, rather than

to ask for donations. Upon motion Bro. A. H. Lund was authorized to act upon the suggestion made.

Apostle Jno. H. Smith moved that a committee be appointed to audit the accounts of the Church. The motion was seconded by Pres. Jos. F. Smith. The following brethren spoke in favor of the motion: Pres. F. D. Richards, Pres. L. Snow, G. Q. Cannon, Jos. F. Smith, Apostles H. J. Grant, J. H. Smith, and Geo. Teasdale. Pres. Snow named the following brethren as said committee: F. D. Richards, F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, H. J. Grant, and R. Clawson. Benediction by A. O. Woodruff.

### **Tuesday, 10 January 1899**

10 a.m. Quarterly conference meeting of the First Presidency [*sic*] and the Twelve. Present: Pres. Richards, Apostles Francis M. Lyman, Geo. Teasdale, Heber J. Grant, Jno. W. Taylor, A. H. Lund, M. W. Merrill, M. F. Cowley, J. H. Smith, and R. Clawson. Prayer by Francis M. Lyman.

Prest. Richards was the first speaker. Topics treated. The calling of the Twelve. The experiences of life. Oneness. Forgiveness.

F. M. Lyman. Topics treated. Confidence in the brethren. Devotion to the work. Sustaining the First Presidency. Power of example. Family government. Burdens resting upon Pres. Snow.

Pres. Richards said that righteous parents would sometime have power to influence their wayward children from the downward course. Said the Lord was with Pres. Snow in the measures he was now instituting, and the Church would be relieved of the burdens resting upon it, and the love of the people would be drawn toward him.

Apostle John H. Smith. Topics treated. Spoke of his experience in his family and the importance of taking a course to win the love and confidence of our wives and children. Present troubles of the saints. Pres. Snow's successful presidency over the Council of Apostles.

2 p.m. Singing. Apostle George Teasdale spoke. Topics treated. Afflictions of life. Prayer. Expressed thankfulness to the brethren for their faith and prayers in the great sorrow that had visited him, namely, the loss of his wife [Marion Scoles Teasdale] by death. Blessings of the Lord to the saints.

Apostle H. J. Grant followed. Topics treated. Financial trouble. Character of Nephi. Labors among the young men as one of the General Superintendency. His success in collecting means to save the Utah Loan and Trust Company of Ogden. The responsibility of the brethren to their families. The loss by death of his only son. Pres. Richards promised Brother H. J. Grant that he would have sons to his entire satisfaction before he died.

John W. Taylor spoke. Topics treated: Prophecy. Administering to the sick. Patriarchal blessings. Setting our houses in order. Colorado Mission in prosperous condition, 240 to 250 souls baptized.

M. W. Merrill occupied a few minutes of the time. Topics treated: Faultfinding. Church bonds. Counsel of the priesthood in both temporal and spiritual matters. Church discipline. Ben[ediction]. by Pres. F. D. Richards.

### Wednesday, 11 January 1899

10 a.m. Present: Pres. Richards, Apostles F. M. Lyman, Geo. Teasdale, J. H. Smith, H. J. Grant, Jno. W. Taylor, A. O. Woodruff, M. W. Merrill, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, and R. Clawson. Singing. Prayer.

A. H. Lund spoke. Topics treated. Church bonds. Office of the Holy Ghost. The Ten Tribes. The Godhead.

Pres. Richards explained the nature of the Holy Ghost. Said the Holy Ghost presides over all righteous spirits, and that when the Holy Ghost is conferred upon a man, in his opinion, it is a righteous spirit, or in other words, a Holy Ghost under the direction of *the* Holy Ghost.

2 p.m. Apostle M. F. Cowley spoke. Topics treated. The wisdom of being cautious about what we put in writing. Unwise discussions among the elders of Israel.

Pres. Richards said that the ten Tribes of Israel were separated from the earth—so Joseph Smith had said.

Apostle A. O. Woodruff followed. Topics treated. Posterity. Testimonies.

Pres. Richards, in speaking of the financial troubles of some of the brethren of the Twelve, said matters would soon take a turn. Said to Heber that things would soon come around and be made easy for him, and also for Bro. Jno. W. Taylor. The time will come,

he said, when those who live among us and who do not live the lives of saints, will pick up their traps and clear out. The duty of the Twelve is to see that the Gospel is sent to the nations of the earth.

**Thursday, 12 January 1899**

10 a.m. Meeting of the brethren continued. Present: Pres. F. D. Richards, Apostles F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Heber J. Grant, A. O. Woodruff, J. W. Taylor, M. W. Merrill, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, and myself. Song. Prayer by Apostle George Teasdale. Song.

Prest. Richards said he had compiled the Instructions of Jos. Smith to the Twelve and had turned them over to the secretary, A. O. Woodruff. Song. Presidents Snow and Cannon came in.

Appointments to quarterly conferences were made as follows: F. M. Lyman and A. H. Lund to Emery Stake; A. O. Woodruff and J. H. Smith to Woodruff Stake; H. J. Grant and George Teasdale to Utah Stake; and Rudger Clawson to Juab Stake.

Some discussion was indulged in with reference to the Federal Court House site. It was thought that the Government would want 20 rods each way from the Deseret News Corner. Apostle H. J. Grant gave it as his opinion that the value of said corner is \$150,000 to \$200,000, and he moved that the church ask \$200,000, and give \$25,000 as a donation. He said that while there might be some objections to having the building there, from a business standpoint it would be very desirable.

Apostle J. H. Smith favored the idea but thought the corner would not bring more than \$150,000. Apostle F. M. Lyman favored the proposition. Pres. Cannon spoke in favor of the proposition. Apostle Grant withdrew his motion and moved that the Church ask \$200,000 for the property and give a donation of \$50,000. Seconded by M. F. Cowley. The motion was amended as to the consideration, leaving that matter to be determined by the First Presidency.

A letter from the President [Albert R. Smith] of the San Luis Stake was read. He represented that there were some difficulties in the Sanford Ward to be adjusted, and asked for a visit of some of the Apostles. Apostles Jno. W. Taylor and M. F. Cowley were appointed to visit them.

At this point the tables were spread and the brethren partook

of the sacrament. After the bread and wine were blessed by Pres. Snow, [they] ate and drank freely until satisfied. It was indeed a time of refreshing and one long to be remembered. Benediction by Pres. Geo. Q. Cannon.

### Thursday, 19 January 1899

11 a.m. Meeting of the brethren. Present: Presidents Snow and Cannon, Pres. F. D. Richards, Apostles J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, F. M. Lyman, A. O. Woodruff, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, R. Clawson.

A letter from Elder Ben E. Rich, pres. [of the] Southern States Mission, was read. Said that persecution was increasing in the South—due in a measure to the [Brigham H.] Roberts case,<sup>1</sup> and the Elders preaching the gospel a little stronger than heretofore. Desired to know if it would be proper to counsel the saints to move to Zion, as by remaining in the world they suffered many disadvantages. Alluded to the case of Sister Cracroft, a noble woman, who is in need of help.

Pres. Snow said in reference to the emigrating of the saints that if such counsel is given, some good man, who is full of the Spirit of the Lord and is capable, should be appointed to look after this matter and find places for the saints as they arrive. Some discussion bearing upon the subject ensued. Apostle A. O. Woodruff thought that Canada, Arizona, and Mexico offered good opportunities for colonization.

Apostle M. F. Cowley thought it would be good policy to leave Southern States converts in the South for the present, or at least until such time as they shall become well grounded in the faith, and in view of their instability of character, when they emigrate they should be scattered among the saints.

I made a few remarks regarding the Industrial Bureau,<sup>2</sup> saying that I considered it a fine move, but thought it ought to be divorced from the Presiding Bishop's office and made a separate institution, with a strong man at the head as proposed by Pres. Snow. Other speakers were Apostle F. M. Lyman, H. J. Grant, A. H. Lund, and

<sup>1</sup>Objection to B. H. Roberts's election to the House of Representatives drew national attention to the Mormon practice of plural marriage.

<sup>2</sup>The Industrial Bureau, an employment agency, coordinated job opportunities.



Pres. Cannon. Pres. Snow requested the brethren to be prepared to suggest the name of a brother for the above appointment at the next meeting. Appointments to conferences: F. M. Lyman and A. O. Woodruff to the Tooele Stake; F. D. Richards, Geo. Teasdale, and H. J. Grant to Weber Stake. Apostle Lyman reported certain changes in the Emery Stake. Pres. [Christian G.] Larsen, owing to advanced age and infirmity, was honorably released and Reuben G. Miller ordained in his stead with J[ohn] H. Pace and [Henry] G[eorge] Mathis as counselors. Benediction by H. J. Grant.

### **Sunday, 22 January 1899**

12:30 p.m. [Prayer] circle meeting at Tabernacle. Roll call, 20 present. Bp. A[ugust] Valentine mouth in the circle.<sup>3</sup> I made a few remarks urging the brethren to avail themselves of every opportunity and privilege of learning.

7 p.m. Continuation of First Ward Conference. Bp. J. B. McMaster was proud of the organizations of the ward. Spoke of the work done on the new meeting [house] (in which we were then met). Something like \$5000 had been expended. While many were doing their duty, some fail. 145 families in ward, total number of souls 703. Tithing paid in 1898—\$2288.09.

I made closing remarks, dwelling upon the duties of the bishopric and other officers of the ward. Also complimented the people upon their enterprise in building the new meeting house.

### **Thursday, 26 January 1899**

11 a.m. Weekly meeting of the brethren. Present: Presidents Lorenzo Snow and Geo. Q. Cannon, Apostles F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, M. W. Merrill, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, A. O. Woodruff, and R. Clawson.

But little business was brought before the meeting. Some discussion was indulged in with reference to administering to the sick, suggested by Elder R. Clawson, who spoke of Bro. Patterson. Said that he was traveling around in the stakes of Zion administering to the sick, in some cases meeting with success and in other cases failing. The criticism offered was that in going into strange wards and stakes he ignored the presiding authorities in those

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<sup>3</sup>For a time, prayer circles could operate outside the temple.

places. This was not approved by the brethren.

Appointments to stake conferences: F. M. Lyman and Geo. Teasdale to Cache Stake; H. J. Grant and A. H. Lund to Summit; M. F. Cowley and A. O. Woodruff to San Luis. Singing. Benediction by M. F. Cowley.

### Thursday, 2 February 1899

11 a.m. Meeting of the brethren. Present: Prests. Lorenzo Snow and Geo. Q. Cannon, Apostles F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Heber J. Grant, A. O. Woodruff, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, and Rudger Clawson.

A letter from Wm. T. Jack, pres. [of the] Northern [Southwestern] States Mission, was read. He asked that an apostle be sent to visit the mission.

M. F. Cowley reported the visit of himself and A. O. Woodruff to the San Luis Stake to settle a difference existing between the president of the stake and bishop of the Sanford Ward. The result of their deliberations was the release of the bishop upon his own request from presiding over the ward. Wm. O. Crowther was selected to succeed him and was ordained under the hands of Jno. W. Taylor, M. F. Cowley, and A. O. Woodruff being mouth. Counselors were also chosen and set apart.

Pres. Snow stated that the committee on Federal Building reported there would be no hope of getting the Government building on the Deseret News Corner, unless the ground were given free of charge. If this were done, the business houses and property owners adjacent to said property would agree on their part to pave the street around the Federal building at a cost of \$60,000. They would also pay the expense of sending a man to Washington to work up the matter there. After some discussion, it was moved by Apostle F. M. Lyman and seconded by Apostle R. Clawson that the Deseret News Corner (10 x 10 rods)<sup>4</sup> be tendered to the Government, without charge, for the Federal Court site. Carried by unanimous vote.

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<sup>4</sup>These dimensions are probably in error, because the Journal History (located in LDS church archives) for this date gives the size of the lot as 20 rods by 20 rods, as well as the initial discussion concerning the selling of the lot in Clawson's diary (12 Jan. 1899).

Apostle F. M. Lyman reported the visit of himself, M. W. Merrill, and A. H. Lund to Kaysville to adjust a difficulty existing between the people of Layton and Kaysville respecting the boundary line between the two places. It was mutually agreed by both sides that the matter be submitted to the courts of the land.

The question of round dancing was brought up by R. Clawson, who desired to know if it would be proper to encourage the saints in sending their children to dancing school, or in other words, would it be right to approve of it. Said that among other things the children learned at dancing school good manners and orderly conduct, but their attendance at such places involved the question of round dancing. In his opinion, however, the good results arising from these schools outweighed the evil. Some considerable discussion bearing upon this matter followed, and the general sentiment of the meeting seemed to be that round dancing among the saints, under proper control, was not necessarily objectional. Benediction by Geo. Teasdale.

#### **Sunday, 5 February 1899**

2 p.m. Fast meeting at Brigham City 2d Ward, Bp. A. Valentine presiding. Sacrament. 10 bottles [of oil consecrated]. Our baby blessed and two girls confirmed members of the Church.

I made a few remarks. Topics treated: Permanent nature of the work of the Lord. Integrity.

#### **Thursday, 9 February 1899**

11 a.m. Meeting of the brethren. Present: Pres. Snow and Cannon, Apostles J. H. Smith, H. J. Grant, A. O. Woodruff, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, Geo. Teasdale, and R. Clawson.

A letter from Saml. R. Brough, bishop of Owen Ward, Woodruff Stake, was read. He requested that Apostle Lyman be sent to attend the funeral of [James] Henry Rollins, one of the oldest members of the Church.

Apostle Cowley called attention to the fact that a missionary in the Brooklyn Branch of the church had been kept in the cook shop instead of the missionary field. Pres. Snow said that the president of the mission [Alonzo P. Kesler] would soon be honorably released to come return [*sic*] home and that would probably lead to the release of Elder [Lashbrook] Laker from the kitchen.

Benediction by Pres. Geo. Q. Cannon.

**Thursday, 16 February 1899**

11 a.m. Meeting of the brethren. Present: Pres. Snow, Geo. Q. Cannon, Apostles F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, F. D. Richards, A. O. Woodruff, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, and R. Clawson.

A letter from A. W. Ivins respecting conditions in Mexico, mainly with reference to the instability of the Mexican character, was read. The question of conferring the Priesthood upon children—boys—who were just at the point of death was discussed. The decision was that it would be improper.

Apostle J. H. Smith drew attention to the condition of the Mutual Improvement League and said that it was about to fail because of the lack of means. It was shown that from the date of its organization—a number of years—it had failed to pay its running expenses. It was decided, after some discussion, to close up the league.

In view of the [fact] that Spencer Clawson is indebted to the Church to the amount of \$40,000, it was decided that steps should be taken to secure possession of his large three-story brick Dry Goods building—to be used as the Church printing house. Heber J. Grant was appointed a committee of one to look into the matter. Benediction by Pres. Lorenzo Snow.

**Wednesday, 22 February 1899**

Salt Lake. Fine. 9:30 a.m. Met with the Church Auditing Committee, but it being a holiday, an adjournment to the 23d at 10 a.m. was taken. However, I worked on the statement of assets and liabilities of the Church until 12:30 p.m.

3 p.m. Spent an hour at the Salt Lake Theatre witnessing the Opera, "A Trip to Africa," given by the House Company.

4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Was engaged on auditing committee work at President's office. In the evening entered the minutes of annual meeting of stockholders of Brigham City Roller Mill Co. in minute book.

**Thursday, 23 February 1899**

Salt Lake. Fine. 11 a.m. Meeting of the First Presidency and

Twelve. Present: Prests. Snow and Cannon and Pres. F. D. Richards, and Apostles J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, A. O. Woodruff, Brigham Young, Jr., M. W. Merrill, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, and R. Clawson; also Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk.

Appointments to stake conferences were made as follows: A. H. Lund and M. F. Cowley to Bear Lake Conference; F. M. Lyman and M. W. Merrill [to Oneida Stake Conference]. Apostle J. H. Smith reported the visit of himself and M. F. Cowley to the Pocatello Stake conference. Said they had reorganized the bishopric of the Downey Ward with Geo. Hyde as bishop.

Geo. Teasdale reported the visit of himself and A. H. Lund to the San Pete Conference. Had a pleasant time. Quite an interest, he said, is being taken in the stake academy.

Apostle A. O. Woodruff reported the visit of himself and F. M. Lyman to the Millard Stake Conference. Had made some changes in the High Council owing to the infirmities of certain members.

Apostle R. Clawson made a few remarks in reference to the religion class work. Said he thought it was a great movement and should receive the encouragement of the apostles in their visits to the stakes.

The political situation with reference to the election of a senator to Congress by the legislature now in session was discussed. It was thought by the brethren that, owing to the charges of bribery that are at present under investigation and other things, none of the candidates in the field were exactly suitable for the position and that, therefore, a dark horse should be brought forward. It was the unanimous sentiment of all present for Pres. Geo. Q. Cannon and it was agreed that an influence should be used to accomplish his election to the high office of United States Senator. Benediction Pres. F. D. Richards. Meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.

### **Wednesday, 1 March 1899**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy, threatening rain. 10 a.m. Committee met as usual, all being present but Brother H. J. Grant. Pres. Snow came in and the report of assets and liabilities of the Church was read, beginning at the point where the reading was left yesterday. At the conclusion Pres. Snow expressed himself as being greatly pleased with the labors of the committee. The following is a

recapitulation of the report and gives an exact showing in total figures:

## RECAPITULATION

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>ACTIVE</u>	<u>SILENT</u>
Real estate	815,050.00	616,866.78
Bank and mercantile stocks and bonds	974,437.29	204,200.00
Bills receivable and accounts	88,632.49	85,000.00
[Total assets]	1,878,119.78	906,066.78
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	<u>DIRECT</u>	<u>CONTINGENT</u>
Church bonds, series A	499,200.00	
Church bonds, series B	164,100.00	663,300.00
Bills payable, sundry notes	1,006,433.70	
Pioneer Electric Power Co. int. on bonds	80,068.25	
<i>Deseret News</i> Co. note at Zion's Savings Bk.	48,089.43	
Saltair Beach Co. note, Church endorsement		3,954.29
H. J. Grant et al. note, Church endorsement		65,000.00
Pioneer Electric Power Co. bonds		1,500,000.00
[Total liabilities]	\$1,797,891.38	\$1,568,954.29
Excess of assets over liabilities	\$80,228.40.	

At 2 p.m. I went to a matinee at the theatre given by [John Philip] Sousa and his famous band. It was truly a great musical treat. As the people left the theatre, they were greeted by a heavy rainstorm, which lasted about an hour. Called at the President's office, and did some committee work.

## Thursday, 2 March 1899

Salt Lake. Snowing. 11 a.m. Regular weekly meeting of the First Presidency and Twelve. Present: Presidents Snow and Cannon, Pres. F. D. Richards, Apostles John H. Smith, F. M. Lyman, Brigham Young, Jr., A. O. Woodruff, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, and Rudger Clawson; and G. F. Gibbs, clerk.

Pres. Snow reported at length what had been done respecting

the matter of securing Pres. Cannon's election to Congress. A number of the legislators had been seen, and, while they were not asked to vote for Brother Cannon, the advantages that would arise from doing so were clearly explained to them. Everything, he said, seemed favorable at the present time. There were many difficulties in the way, but the Lord was helping him. He felt that the move was right for the reason, among other things, that our enemies are working for a constitutional amendment against polygamy, and if Pres. Cannon were in Congress, he would doubtless be able to exercise a powerful influence to defeat any such movement.

Apostles J. H. Smith, A. O. Woodruff, R. Clawson, and Pres. Cannon made some remarks bearing upon the same subject. There was a strong feeling and testimony in the hearts of the brethren that it is the will of the Lord for Pres. Cannon to go to Congress. Benediction by Brigham Young, Jr.

#### **Sunday, 5 March 1899**

Brigham City. Clear and warm. 2 p.m. Fast meeting at 4th Ward House. Bp. [Jens] Hansen made a few remarks on the old folks entertainment. I made some references to the old folks entertainment. Also spoke upon the principle of revelation. Spent the remainder of the afternoon at home. In the evening Adolph Madsen called to see me and we had a long visit together. Just before retiring, had a talk with Sister Clawson in reference to my public speaking, she pointing out some faults and mannerisms to which I am addicted. I shall endeavor to correct same.

#### **Thursday, 9 March 1899**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy, threatening storm. 11 a.m. Council meeting of the brethren at the temple. Present: First Presidency, Prest. F. D. Richards, Apostles F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, B. Young, Jr., A. O. Woodruff, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, and Rudger Clawson.

A letter from President [Hugh S. Gowans] of Tooele Stake, with reference to a certain brother who had committed adultery, was read. He desired to know if by repentance he could be retained in the Church and not be cut off. He had already suffered imprisonment for his transgression. It was decided by unanimous vote that he be cut off, with the understanding that his re-instatement

be subject to the action of the presidency and high council of the Tooele Stake.

Pres. Snow made some references to the political situation. Apostle Lund asked for an appropriation of \$340 for the Turkish mission. Granted by full vote.

Stake conference appointments: J. H. Smith and M. F. Cowley to Morgan; A. O. Woodruff to Kanab; Pres. Geo. Q. Cannon and Apostle Teasdale to Salt Lake. Benediction by John Henry Smith.

Pres. Snow made an appointment with me for 3 p.m.

3 p.m. Met Pres. Snow. He said that he wanted me to get up a set of books showing forth the condition of the Church in a condensed form for his personal use, that he might be posted each week as to the exact financial situation. He wanted this work to commence with the beginning of his administration as President of the Church and said that I could get all the information needed from Jas. Jack, head clerk in the President's office. Said in reply that I thought I knew just what he wanted and would be pleased to undertake the work immediately.

Today is the last day of the legislature and the members are trying hard to elect a senator. It requires 32 votes to elect. A[lfred]. W. McCune has received 29, and Pres. Cannon, whose name was sprung on Wednesday for the first time, received 13 and later 15 and 23 votes.

### **Friday, 10 March 1899**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cool; 2 inches of snow on ground. Upon rising learned that, as a result of the balloting yesterday, there was no election of senator, thus leaving Utah with but one senator in Congress for the coming two years. Pres. Cannon recd. 20 votes and A. W. McCune, 24—32 votes being necessary to an election. If all who were pledged to Pres. Geo. Q. Cannon had voted for him, he would have been elected, but at the last moment a number weakened and thereby caused a failure of the movement.

10 a.m. The auditing committee met at the usual place. Present: Pres. F. D. Richards, F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, and R. Clawson.

Pres. Snow came in according to appointment, and the Sterling Mining Co. note of \$96,000 at Zion's Savings Bank was discussed. It was finally decided by unanimous vote that, as the



facts do not warrant it, the said note be not accepted by the committee as a Church obligation, and that Geo. M. Cannon, cashier, be notified that he must look to the endorsers of said note for relief. The committee then adjourned until Tuesday, Mch. 14, 1899. In the afternoon I worked at some forms for Pres. Snow's private books.

8 p.m. Accompanied by mother, visited Prof. [Robert L.] Landrum's dancing school and spent an hour or so watching some of the latest dances. The music consisted of violin and piano, my sister Phebe being pianist.

#### **Thursday, 16 March 1899**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and mild. I worked on Pres. Snow's private books until 11 a.m.

11 a.m. Council meeting of the brethren at temple. Pres. L. Snow, Geo. Q. Cannon, and Jos. F. Smith, Apostles F. D. Richards, F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Brigham Young, Jr., Jno. W. Taylor, M. W. Taylor [Merrill], A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, and R. Clawson.

Pres. Snow made a few remarks respecting the move made to send Pres. Cannon to Congress. Said that those legislators who did not carry out their pledges—thus defeating the movement—would sometime suffer a loss. He was thankful, however, for that degree of union which had been attained by the First Presidency and Twelve.

A letter from Thos. E. Ricks, prest. of Fremont Stake, was read. He suggested the name of Robertson [Oliver L. Robinson] to be ordained bishop of Egin Ward. Accepted, subject to examination of the brother at time of setting apart.

Apostle J. H. Smith made some remarks respecting men betraying the confidence of the brethren, saying he thought some steps ought to be taken to guard against such things. Pres. Snow said in reply, he thought the only way it could be done would be by giving men new bodies and eliminating all the material of which they are at present composed.

Letter from W. H. Seegmiller, Pres. of Sevier Stake, was submitted. Said Bp. [Theodore] Brandley expected to leave the Stake and asked that some of the apostles be sent down to select and install his successor. Apostle F. M. Lyman was appointed to

attend to the matter. Stake conference appointments: J. H. Smith and Geo. Teasdale, Davis Stake; M. F. Cowley and A. H. Lund, Malad Stake; F. M. Lyman, Bingham.

Pres. Jos. F. Smith made some remarks about republishing the history of the Church as it is given in the *Millennial Star*. The matter had been discussed by the General Board of the Y.M.M.I.A., and it was decided to publish it in the *Improvement Era*. Said he had presented the matter to Pres. Snow, and had agreed to publish the said history (16 pages in each issue) without expense to the Church, the latter to have the copyright.

Pres. Cannon said that Elders C. W. Penrose, editor, and H. G. Whitney, manager, claimed that it was clearly the right of the *Deseret News* to publish the Church history. Made some remarks favoring early action. Pres. F. D. Richards was very much in favor of the suggestion, but thought it ought to be published in book form rather than in a magazine. Thought that the history as given in the *Star* including the revelations should be followed. There is a demand among the people for some such work. Pres. Cannon was very much interested in the subject, and thought enough attention had not hitherto been given to the writing of our history. Great care should be taken and all important facts fully explained, and when necessary amplified.

Pres. Snow endorsed remarks of previous speakers, and suggested that the matter be gone right into and a history of the Church be published in book form—cheap binding, each volume to cost not more than 75¢ or a \$1.00 that it might be within the reach of all. “The Church has but little means to put into this enterprise, but, if we are united, a great deal can be accomplished,” said he.

An active committee should be appointed, and that, too, at once to take charge of the work. I moved that it be the sense of the meeting that we accept the suggestions of Pres. Snow and that the Presidency be authorized to select the committee. Pres. Jos. F. Smith asked if the motion carried with it the understanding that the history should be published by the *Deseret News*. Pres. Snow answered yes and said that the committee appointed would be held responsible to see that the work is speedily and correctly done. The motion was then put and carried by unanimous vote.

Pres. Jos. F. Smith said a question had been asked in reference

to baptism for the dead. Read from Alma (Book of Mormon), Chap. 34, Verses 32, 33, 34, and 35. How can these passages, it was asked, be reconciled with [the] principle of the baptism for the dead? After a few moments of animated discussion, the idea seemed to prevail among the brethren, that, at the time of uttering those words, Amulek could not possibly have been acquainted with the principle of baptism for the dead. Benediction by Apostle M. W. Merrill.

At 3 p.m. I called at [Charles R.] Savage's Photograph Gallery and sat for my picture. Spent the balance of the day till 7 p.m. working on Pres. Snow's private books. In the evening attended a "Reading" given by Prof. Arthur Loining at the Methodist Church, 3d So. Street. It was a very pleasant entertainment.

### **Sunday, 19 March 1899**

Brigham City. Clear and mild; muddy under foot. Accompanied by Coun. Chas. Kelly, I left at 9 a.m. to attend ward conference at the North Ward. Roads were very bad.

10 a.m. Conference called to order by Bp. Thomas Harper. While the organizations fall short in many things, the reports showed that the ward had made considerable progress during the year 1898, and that faith was increasing in the hearts of the people. The tithing paid in 1898 by the ward was \$462.00—an amount that really could have been doubled.

Brother Kelly and myself took dinner at Bp. Harper's and enjoyed the meal very much. Before returning to the meeting, we had a brief conversation with the bishopric respecting the Word of Wisdom and expressed the hope that the counselors would follow the example of Bp. Harper in keeping this commandment of the Lord.<sup>5</sup>

We left immediately at the close of the conference and reached home at 5:30 p.m. At 6 p.m. sat down to supper with Lydia, Brother and Sister Kelly and Brother and Sister Horsley. Spent the evening at home.

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<sup>5</sup>The Word of Wisdom, part of LDS canon, counsels Mormons to abstain from alcohol, hot drinks, and tobacco.

**Wednesday, 22 March 1899**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy. I was engaged all the forenoon on Pres. Snow's private books. At 2 p.m. went to a matinee at the theatre. "The Sign of the Cross" was the piece given. The attendance was crowded and the interest manifested by the audience was very great. It is truly a thrilling drama, the persecution of the Christians by the Roman Emperor, Nero, being clearly portrayed. After leaving the theatre, I went to the President's office and worked from four till seven on Pres. Snow's books.

**Thursday, 23 March 1899**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy; rained during the greater part of the night. 11 a.m. Council meeting of the brethren at the temple. Present: Pres. Lorenzo Snow and Jos. F. Smith, Pres. F. D. Richards, Apostles F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, George Teasdale, Brigham Young, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, and Rudger Clawson; and Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk.

Apostle J. H. Smith stated that he had received a letter from Brother [Franklin S.] Bramwell, President of the Northwestern States Mission, in which he suggested that the Lima Montana Branch be organized into a bishop's ward and that Wm. T. Hopkins be appointed bishop. In answer to a question, Brother John Henry [Smith] stated that there were about 30 families in said branch.

It was moved by Brother J. H. Smith, and seconded, that Lima, Montana, and also Baker City, Or., be organized into wards. After some discussion the motion carried by a unanimous vote. It was then moved and seconded that these wards, when organized, be left in the missions where they are located. The motion failed, after which it was moved and carried that Lima be attached to the Fremont Stake and that Baker City be attached to the Pocatello Stake.

Apostle J. H. Smith referred to an interview between himself and the President [Richard Fry] of the Morgan Stake at a recent quarterly conference in which the latter had received a list of brethren living in his stake whose names had been suggested by the Missionary Committee for missions. He wondered how the brethren got the names, as some of them were unworthy of a call and others did not belong to the Church.

Pres. Jos. F. Smith explained the matter by saying that elders going out from Zion would in many cases submit to mission presidents the names of their acquaintances who they think would make good missionaries. These names are sent to the Missionary Committee who in turn send them to the stake authorities where they reside for action, and if the brethren thus recommended are acceptable to the stake authorities their names are returned to the Missionary Committee for appointment. Some of the brethren of the council rather objected in their feelings to this way of calling missionaries, as they thought the recommendations should come through the First Presidency, Twelve, First Seven Presidents, or stake authorities. After some discussion, the matter was taken under advisement by the Presidency.

Stake appointments: to Sevier Stake Conference, F. M. Lyman and A. H. Lund; Fremont Stake, J. H. Smith. Benediction by Apostle A. H. Lund.

In a brief interview with Pres. Snow, he said he wished me to leave the work I am at present engaged on and get him up a condensed statement of the entire receipts and disbursements of the Church, commencing with the year 1898, which I promised to do.

#### **Saturday, 25 March 1899**

Salt Lake City. Mild, raining. At 8 a.m. took the train for Brigham, arriving at 10 a.m. Found more or less sickness at home. Lydia was suffering with an attack of La Grippe and Samuel was down with measles. Spent the afternoon at the bank writing up insurance business.

#### **Sunday, 26 March 1899**

Brigham City. Bright and clear. The children were very restless during the night. Spent the forenoon at home, helping to look after the children.

2 p.m. Meeting at the tabernacle. I occupied the time. Topics treated. Obedience. Office of the Holy Ghost. Reading the scriptures.

Spent the afternoon and evening at home. Children quite sick, viz., Samuel and Lorenzo.

**Monday, 27 March 1899**

Brigham City. Cloudy; heavy frost during the night. At 6:10 a.m. took the train for Salt Lake, arriving at 9 a.m.

Called at Presiding Bishop's Office to get some information for the general statement of receipts and disbursements of the Church that I am getting up for Pres. Snow, but was told that it would not [be] ready for a week yet. I then went [to] the President's office and spent the greater part of the day on some special work for Prest. Cannon.

Towards evening I addressed a letter to Bp. A[rnold] Goodliffe of Snowville, answering certain questions as to the case of a young woman who had given birth to an illegitimate child. Following is a copy of the letter:

Bishop A. Goodliffe.

Dear Brother:

Replying to letter of the 23d inst[ant] respecting the case of Miss [Mary E.] Higley, would say: First, in view of the nature of her transgression, she ought to have been cut off from the Church instead of being disfellow-shipped. That should now be done by action of the bishop's court. Her not being enrolled as a member of your [ward] and yet living in your ward for over a year is simply a technical question. If she does not dispute your right to handle her, then your action will stand, but if she does dispute your right to act, then the matter will necessarily have to be referred back to her former bishop.

Second, presuming that you have taken action and cut her off, then if she wishes to be received back into the Church, it can only be done by manifesting a spirit of true repentance and making a full confession of her sin by giving the name of the child's father. This information should be given to you personally, as bishop, and then, of course, you could act as wisdom might suggest. In her public confession she would only need to make a general statement. It will be very apparent to you that she is hardly a fit subject for baptism if she persists in withholding a knowledge of her partner in transgression.

With very kind regards and best wishes, I remain,  
Your brother,  
[signed] Rudger Clawson.

**Thursday, 30 March 1899**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 11 a.m. Regular weekly meeting of the brethren at the temple. Present: First Presidency, Apostles F. D. Richards, F. M. Lyman, Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, B. Young, Jr., A. O. Woodruff, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, and R. Clawson [and Heber J. Grant]; and Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk.

Apostle F. M. Lyman said there was an opportunity, he thought, to sell the Deep Creek Ranch—1000 acres for \$7000.00. The property cost the Church \$8000.00. No definite action was taken.

Pres. Snow said that he had received and accepted an invitation to visit the Brigham Young Academy, Provo, tomorrow, Friday. His counselors and the Twelve were also invited and he desired to know how many were going. Apostles J. H. Smith, F. M. Lyman, A. H. Lund, A. O. Woodruff, and myself signified their intention of going.

In view of Apostle H. J. Grant's absence for some time past, Pres. Snow made a few remarks explaining the action of the brethren of the council in relation to Pres. Cannon and the senatorship. Apostle Grant replied by saying among other things, that had he been here he would have been one with his brethren.

Apostle J. H. Smith reported that at the recent Fremont Stake Conference, he ordained Oliver LeGrande Robinson, bishop of the Egin Ward. Apostle F. M. Lyman reported his visit to the Sevier Stake Conference, saying that he had ordained Elder Archibald G. Young bishop of Richfield with Elder Hays and Jensen for counselors. There were four changes in the high council. Apostle H. J. Grant gave an account of some conferences he attended while in the East.

The question of presenting the Church authorities in which there was a lack of uniformity among the stakes was brought forward by myself. It was moved by Pres. Jos. F. Smith and seconded by Apostle R. Clawson that at the general conferences, all the general authorities including the general presidencies of Relief Society, Sunday School, Young Men, Young Ladies, and

Primary be sustained and that at the stake conferences the general and stake authorities including all stake presidencies be sustained. Carried by unanimous vote.

Pres. Cannon reported that Elders [Thomas] Steed and [Joseph E.] Robinson were sustained as patriarchs at the Davis Stake Conference, Bro. Steed being ordained at the time. A letter from Mary Cox was read. She claimed that some important papers relating to early church history were deposited in one of the banks in the state of Nebraska and stating that if the railway passage were furnished she could secure them for the Church. It was moved and carried that an effort be made to obtain them. Benediction by F. M. Lyman.

### **Friday, 31 March 1899**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and mild. Prest. Lorenzo Snow's 85th birthday occurs on Monday, April the 3d. In honor of that event an informal celebration was planned for today at the Brigham Young Academy, Provo. This to suit Pres. Snow's convenience, as he could not be present Monday.

The members composing the President's party were Pres. Snow and wife, Pres. Geo. Q. Cannon and wife, Pres. Jos. F. Smith and wife, Pres. F. D. Richards and wife, Apostle F. M. Lyman and wife, Apostle J. H. Smith and wife, Apostle M. F. Cowley and wife, Apostle A. H. Lund, myself, LeRoi Snow, and Sister M[argaret] G. Clawson. Leaving Salt Lake at 8 a.m. we reached Provo at 10 and were driven immediately to the academy building. A reception committee conducted us to the assembly room in which were gathered about 500 students.

The lady teachers and students withdrew for the purpose of holding a meeting with the lady visitors. A priesthood meeting with the male students was then held, they being arranged in bodies according to their priesthood. Brief reports of a very interesting character were given by a student holding and representing those of the Melchizedek Priesthood, also from the priests, teachers, and deacons.

Pres. Snow made brief remarks. Was highly delighted, he said, in meeting with so many bright young men of the priesthood. Spoke of his early experience in the Church in bearing testimony. Was very diffident and at first could occupy not more than one or



two minutes, but made up his mind that whenever called upon to speak, he would do so, and his success as an elder was due to the observance of that resolution. Pointed out the advantages that invariably come from following counsel.

God revealed to him, he said, a perfect knowledge that the gospel as we have it is true and that Joseph Smith was a prophet of God. Never sought to be an apostle, or the president of the Twelve, or the president of the Church, but he did seek, he said, for the office of an elder, and when he received that priesthood sought for the spirit of it.

Advised the young men present to be humble that they might have the spirit of revelation, which it is their privilege to enjoy. Never disobeyed counsel, he said, but once. It was in Kirtland 60 years ago. In asking counsel of Pres. [Sidney] Rigdon about going to college, the latter advised him to go. However, he got the spirit of the gospel, he said, and went out preaching instead. Gave an account of his early experience in preaching. In conclusion, he said, be humble and simple and do not try to be great until the Lord brings greatness upon you.

At 1 p.m. a program was given in the assembly room, the visitors and same 500 or 600 students being present. Pres. Cannon made brief remarks alluding to Pres. Snow's 85th birthday. Showed how greatly blessed of the Lord we are in having a man of his great experience to be our president. Spoke of his (Pres. Cannon's) early experience in the Church. His greatest desire at the age of 12 was to become an elder and preach the gospel. Warned the young people against being over-ambitious. Be humble, trust the Lord, and he will bring you forward. Listen to counsel—a man that fails to do this will not succeed. Said there were two things to guard against: namely, impurity and rebellion.

A young lady, dressed in white, entered and in a neat speech presented a basket of flowers to the president. The basket also contained the names of all the students in attendance at the academy.

Pres. Snow expressed feelings of gratitude for what he had witnessed. He then made brief closing remarks upon the principle of obedience. The party returned to Salt Lake at 4:10 p.m. At 8 p.m. I attended a lecture at the university given by Dr. [J. C.] Freeman. Subject: The Philippine Islands.

**Monday, 3 April 1899**

Brigham City. Clear. 6:10 a.m. Took the train for Salt Lake arriving at 9 a.m. 10 a.m. Quarterly meeting of the Quorum of Apostles at the temple, Pres. F. D. Richards [presiding]. Full quorum present. Singing. Prayer by J. H. Smith. Singing.

Pres. F. D. Richards made brief opening remarks. Said one of the duties of the Twelve is to search out elders to go and preach the gospel. 1781 elders are now in the field. Of this number, 29 are sisters and 41 native elders. Dwelt upon the importance of training our children in righteousness. The gospel will be sent to every nation, tongue, and people. Spoke of politics and said that political dissensions have the effect of bringing a spirit of coolness among the people.

Apostle Brigham Young referred to the *Deseret News* and deplored the policy of the editor in his attitude towards the *Tribune*, namely, in answering an attack to descend to the same style and manner of the *Tribune*. Said he understood there [were] feelings on the part of one member of the quorum [Heber J. Grant] against one of the Presidency—Pres. Geo. Q. Cannon—growing out of politics. He thought, if this were true, the matter ought to be talked over in the quorum. Speaking of politics, he said, it seemed strange that politics should cause a man to reject the Lord, but such had actually been the case with some of the brethren recently, who, after pledging themselves, failed to carry out the counsel of the prophet. We ought to take up a labor with our leading men with reference to sustaining the priesthood.

Pres. Richards said that, if any of the brethren entertained feelings against the Presidency of a personal nature, they should be settled in a personal way and the matter should not be brought before the quorum.

At 1:20 p.m. the meeting adjourned to the temple annex to be present at a surprise given in honor of Pres. Snow's 85th birthday.

**Tuesday, 4 April 1899**

Salt Lake City. 10 a.m. Continuation of our quarterly meeting at the temple, Pres. Richards presiding. Full quorum present. Singing. Prayer by Apostle Geo. Teasdale. Singing.

Pres. Richards made a few remarks upon the importance of the brethren keeping sacred matters that are brought before the

brethren for their consideration. Also, dwelt upon the importance of keeping proper minutes of our meetings. Said he desired to say a few words about Freemasonry. A Masonic Lodge, he said, was established in Nauvoo and Joseph Smith, Brigham Young, Willard Richards, John Taylor, Lorenzo Snow, Orson Hyde, F. D. Richards, and about 1000 others in all became Masons. Joseph, the Prophet, was aware that there were some things about Masonry which had come down from the beginning and he desired to know what they were, hence the lodge. The Masons admitted some keys of knowledge appertaining to Masonry were lost. Joseph enquired of the Lord concerning the matter and He revealed to the Prophet true Masonry, as we have it in our temples. Owing to the superior knowledge Joseph had received, the Masons became jealous and cut off the Mormon Lodge.

Apostle F. M. Lyman was the next speaker and said that, when we have misunderstandings with our brethren, we should endeavor to settle them privately and not through the quorum. He felt that the brethren of the Twelve and leading men in the stakes should keep pretty well out of politics unless they were called to engage in them. As to what occurs in the council, he said, we should keep it sacred.

Pres. Richards dwelt upon the subject of charity and mercy and quoted from the Book of Covenants, wherein the Lord said: "I, the Lord, will forgive whomsoever I will [forgive], but of you it is required to forgive all men" [D&C 64:10], showing the necessity of our being forgiving.

2 p.m. Apostle Geo. Teasdale spoke upon the principle of integrity and said he was thankful for the association of his brethren.

Apostle H. J. Grant made brief remarks. Referred to the prediction of Pres. Richards made 3 months ago (see page 88) [see 11 January 1899] that the Lord would open up the way for his deliverance from debt. Said it was being fulfilled—Jany. 1, 1899, he was, he said, \$82,000 [in debt]. With the changes that had taken place and the advance in his stocks and holdings his indebtedness would now practically amount to \$57,000.00. Thought it would have been better had he remained out of politics: it would be better to wait until we are sent. It was true, he said, that he had entertained some feelings against Pres. Can-

non, but could now say that he had overcome and was in a proper frame of mind to break bread with him, and could do so without compunctions of conscience.

Apostle John W. Taylor also spoke at some length of his financial embarrassments. Pres. Richards said that J. W. Taylor would yet be thankful for his great misfortunes in a financial way. They would be sanctified for his good. Apostle M. W. Merrill showed the advantages resulting from obedience to counsel. Apostle A. H. Lund dwelt briefly upon the subject of Masonry. Apostle M. F. Cowley's remarks were directed to the subject of secret societies. Apostle A. O. Woodruff expressed in a few words the love and confidence he had in his brethren.

I made concluding remarks. Referred to the priesthood conferred upon us and the blessing and promises sealed upon our heads in the house of the Lord, saying that, were it not for the condescension of the Lord, our temples would be of little use to us. Said that I desired to be one with my brethren. Adjournment was then taken.

### **Wednesday, 5 April 1899**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 10 a.m. Continuation of quarterly meeting. The brethren came fasting. Full quorum present, Pres. F. D. Richards [presiding]. Singing. Prayer by [blank]. Singing.

Pres. Richards made brief re[marks] and said that he was in favor of the brethren of the apostles being called to visit conferences in the various missions of the Church as well as stake conferences, and would confer with the Presidency regarding the matter.

Apostle J. H. Smith made a few remarks suggesting that the quorum ought to be extremely careful and guard against taking action in advance upon any question that may be brought before the Presidency and Twelve, and that we should hesitate before making appeals, as a quorum, to the First Presidency and especially when such appeals affect our personal interests.

Pres. Richards spoke on the same lines. Said when any of the apostles wish a favor from the president of the Church or desire to make an appeal, it should be made personally except in cases of the greatest importance in which, if not altogether, at least in a

measure, the entire quorum feels an interest, and then the appeal would doubtless be effectual. Explained the character of the decisions of the council of Apostles. The validity of their decisions is equal to that of the First Presidency. We should, therefore, exercise great care in reaching conclusions.

Apostle F. M. Lyman in brief remarks said the way would open up for the relief of the brethren from financial embarrassment and also that the Church would be relieved. Said he felt that there was going to be a great change in the financial condition of the Church. The stand that Pres. Snow is taking is the beginning of a great revolution. It will be but a little time when we may look for an increase of faith in the hearts of all. There will be an increase in the tithing. A wonderful change is coming.

I made a few remarks endorsing the sentiments expressed by the brethren. Said that I was deeply impressed with the spirit of our meetings and felt that the inauguration of the quarterly meetings under the direction and by the suggestion of Pres. Lorenzo Snow some years ago was a great and important movement. The Spirit bore testimony to me that the prophecies uttered by the brethren while we have been together would be fulfilled.

At this point the First Presidency came in and, after some conversation in which it was decided by unanimous vote that Pres. Snow be authorized to appoint a committee to revise the next edition of the hymn book, sacrament was administered. The brethren sat around a table provided plentifully with bread and wine, which was blessed by Pres. Geo. Q. Cannon. We had a very enjoyable and profitable time together and adjourned at 2 p.m.

In the evening Lydia and myself went to the theatre. The play given was the "School for Scandal." It proved to be very interesting.

### **Monday, 10 April 1899**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 10 a.m. Meeting at the Assembly Hall of the First Presidency, Twelve, presidents of stakes and counselors, patriarchs, high councillors, First Seven Presidents of Seventies, and bishops and counselors.

Pres. Lorenzo Snow was the first speaker. Topics treated. Duties of the presidents of stakes and bishops in the selection of brethren to fill offices of importance. Presidents of Stakes are not selected for their eloquence but rather with a view to their being

practical men. Indebtedness of the Church. Said the Church will emerge from debt. Imagination cannot conceive the grandeur of the prospects before us in the other life. The experience and training we are getting here will fit us for that other life. Speaking of the compensation of the presidency of stakes, said those who are really not in need of same should not draw it. Bishops of wards ought not to engage in building of meeting houses or other enterprises of importance without first consulting the presidency of the stake. Following Counsel.

Pres. Geo. Q. Cannon was the next speaker. Topics treated. Temporal matters. Indebtedness. Returning missionaries should not only be used as home missionaries, but should be employed in the Sabbath School as well.

Pres. Jos. F. Smith spoke briefly upon the subject of Mutual Improvement. In organizing presidencies there should be a mutual understanding as between stake and ward authorities.

Pres. F. D. Richards was the next speaker. Topics treated. Keeping of records in the stakes of Zion.

Pres. Jos. F. Smith said: when men go for counsel they should accept it as being their own mind and will and not go whimpering around, as in some cases, and say that they didn't want to do so and so, but were counseled to and must obey. The brethren should not divulge what transpires in our special meetings.

Apostle J. H. Smith urged the presidents of stakes to meet the apportionment for Brigham Young Monument Fund as soon as possible. The following question was asked: "If a man doesn't believe in the law of tithing, and doesn't pay tithing, what shall be done with him?" Apostle F. M. Lyman answered the question by saying: "If he is a good man in every other respect, continue to labor with him. Perchance he may be converted."

Apostle H. J. Grant said: In the case of a pres. of a stake, or high councillor, or bishop, or counselor, who did not pay tithing, they should be released. Asked if he gave that as counsel, he said, "No. I give it as my opinion, but if I am wrong the First Presidency are here to correct me."

#### Thursday, 13 April 1899

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 11 a.m. Regular weekly meeting of the brethren in the temple. Present: First Presidency, Pres. F.

D. Richards, Brigham Young, Jr., Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, R. Clawson, and Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk.

A letter from Elder A[nthony] W. Ivins, Pres. of Mexican Mission, was read. He wrote regarding the Oaxaca Ward, Mexico, saying that a change in the bishopric seemed necessary, and suggesting Elder Geo. C. Naegle as the most suitable man for the place and one who would be the most acceptable to the people. The said recommendation was approved by unanimous vote.

Pres. Wm. Budge of Bear Lake Stake recommended (by letter) Elder Hyrum Humpherys to succeed Bp. Wm. West as bishop of the Paris First Ward—a change was made necessary owing to the removal of Bp. West to Canada.

Apostle A. H. Lund stated that while in England, he received a cable-gram from the First Presidency instructing him to set apart Jos. W. McMurrin as one of the First Seven Presidents of Seventies, but in doing so he used the words “set you apart” instead of the words “ordain you” and yet, he said, he conferred upon him in so many words all the keys, powers, and authority pertaining to said office. He now referred the matter to the brethren because some people had called the ordination into question, claiming it was illegal.

Pres. Geo. Q. Cannon’s view was that it would have been better to use the word “ordain,” but inasmuch as gifts, keys, and powers were conferred the ordination should stand. Pres. Lorenzo Snow took the same view and said the matter ought not to be called into question, although in this instance he would have preferred the word “ordain.” Pres. Richards moved that the action of Bro. Lund in using the words “set apart” be sustained. Carried by unanimous vote. Pres. Snow, again referring to the subject and speaking of the words “set apart” and “ordain,” said that that which is of the most importance is to convey or confirm upon the individual the keys, power, and authority pertaining to the office.

Conference appointments: to Juab Stake, F. M. Lyman and Geo. Teasdale; to Utah, J. H. Smith and Geo. Q. Cannon; to Emery Stake, A. H. Lund. Benediction by Pres. J. F. Smith.

### **Sunday, 16 April 1899**

Brigham City. Clear and cool. At 10 a.m. I drove out to see N.



C. Christensen, carpenter, who is living on Bear River below Corinne, 14 miles distant from Brigham, and was accompanied by Lydia and the children. My object in making the trip was to engage Bro. Christensen, if possible, to do the carpenter work on the 18th Ward house.

There were two roads leading down from Corinne: we took the one to the left and after traveling about 2 miles came to an impassable slough, and was, therefore, obliged to turn back. This made quite a delay. After fairly getting started on the right-hand road a terrific windstorm blew up. The wind blew with such force we were obliged to stop in the road for an hour, and as we were then about 7 miles from our journey's end and the wind still blowing a gale, we decided to return home, arriving at 4 p.m. I felt somewhat condemned in starting out, as we did, on Sunday, my only reason for doing so being a desire to return to Salt Lake tomorrow morning (Monday) to finish up some special work that I am preparing for Prest. Snow. The manner in which our trip ended, however, made it clear to my mind that I was in the wrong.

#### **Monday, 17 April 1899**

Brigham City. Clear and cool. At 6 a.m. I started out again to see Brother Christensen, reaching his place at 9 a.m. After some conversation, he agreed to come and do the carpenter work for me and would charge \$1.50 per day, net, which arrangement I accepted. After lunch and a boat ride on Bear River, I returned home arriving at 2 p.m. Attended to some matters of business on the street and took the train at 5:15 p.m. for Salt Lake.

#### **Thursday, 20 April 1899**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 11 a.m. Regular weekly meeting of the brethren at the temple. Present: First Presidency, Pres. F. D. Richards, and Apostles B. Young, Jr., F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, George Teasdale, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, A. O. Woodruff, and R. Clawson; and G. F. Gibbs, clerk.

Pres. J. F. Smith stated that Nathan Tanner, Sr., was desirous that some steps be taken looking to a reunion of the survivors and immediate descendants of Zion's Camp. The question as to the propriety of such a move was now submitted. After some discussion in which other organizations were mentioned, Pres. J. F.



Smith moved that there be a reunion of the survivors and immediate descendants of Zion's Camp, the first company of Pioneers, and Mormon Battalion. Carried by unanimous vote. The Presiding Bishopric were then sustained by vote as a committee to take charge of the matter.

It was reported by Elder Seymour B. Young, so Pres. Smith said, that Apostle J. W. Taylor, president of the Colorado Mission, had been ordaining some of the seventies laboring under him to the office of high priests to preside over branches of the Church. Elder S. B. Young felt that this ought not to be done inasmuch as these appointments were only temporary, an opinion which seemed to be shared by the brethren present, but definite action was deferred until such time as Apostle Taylor could be heard from respecting the matter.

Brother Plant, who has a life lease in some property belonging to the Church and who depended on same for his support, reported through Pres. J. F. Smith, that he could not lease the property to advantage because of the uncertainty of his life and desires, therefore, that the Church take the property and in lieu thereof furnish him with a house and support. Referred to Bp. Preston for action.

An interesting letter from Elder Elias Kimball, chaplain in the army, giving an account of his experience and labors in Cuba, was read. Also a letter from Elder H. W. Naisbitt of the English Mission, stating that the mission in Great Britain is in a healthy and active condition. The zeal of our elders, he said, was wonderful.

A letter from W. W. Berry was read. He stated that some 18 years ago he was called to go from southern Utah to St. Johns, Arizona, where he had been living ever since, but now desired, if agreeable to the brethren, to move away. It was moved that he be permitted to move. Carried.

Apostle [Francis M.] Lyman had talked, he said, with Pres. Abram Hatch about resigning the presidency of the Wasatch Stake on account of ill health and learned that such a step would be perfectly agreeable to Elder Hatch. Apostle Lyman suggested the name of Jos. R. Murdock as being a good man to succeed him. This was also the view of Apostle J. H. Smith. Pres. Jos. F. Smith, in speaking of Bro. Murdock, said that he was a member of the legislature some years ago and at that time proved himself to be a

weak man in matters relating to the Church. Pres. Cannon said that he was certainly a weak man—a man without any “backbone,” so to speak. Brigham Young, Jr., said that Bro. Murdock also impressed him as being a weak man. Apostle J. H. Smith suggested that if Elder Murdock was not considered a suitable man, perhaps Elder Elias Kimball, who will soon be mustered out of the army, could be utilized for that position. The matter was left open for further investigation.

Conference appointments: Weber Stake, Pres. J. F. Smith and Elder Geo. Teasdale; Tooele, Elder F. M. Lyman and J. H. Smith. Benediction by myself. By invitation of Pres. Snow, mother and myself attended the theatre occupying his box.

### **Friday, 21 April 1899**

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm.

10 a.m. Special meeting at the President's office. Present: First Presidency, Pres. F. D. Richards, Apostles Brigham Young, J. H. Smith, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, A. O. Woodruff, and myself; N. W. Clayton, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk.

Pres. Cannon explained the object of the meeting. Said a gentleman from the East, Henry Altman, desires to get an option on the Saltair Beach property and Salt Lake and Los Angeles Railway. In answer to a question Col. N. W. Clayton said the two properties were bonded for \$500,000. It was also thought that if the Beach and Ry. were offered for sale the Inland Crystal Salt Co. property, valued at \$600,000 (50% of which is owned by Eastern people, balance by the Church), should also be sold. Pres. Snow said he desired an expression from the brethren as to how they felt about disposing of the said properties.

Pres. Jos. F. Smith explained the object for which the Saltair Beach Pavilion was built. It was that we might be able to control in some degree the amusements and pleasures of the young. There was to be no traffic in liquor and no Sunday trains. These rules had the effect of driving away patronage, but at the same time interest had to be paid on the investment. It was, therefore, decided to rent bar privileges under stringent regulations and to put all attractions under proper control. All this was necessary to make the property pay interest on the investment. There were also other difficulties to contend with. The Inland Crystal Salt Bonds

are paying 7% interest. The Beach and Railway Bonds are not paying interest at present, but it is thought they will soon begin to pay interest. He was opposed, he said, to the idea of selling, as almost every big enterprise our people have entered into has gone out of our hands. Very few of our people are employed by the railroads in the state. In answer to a question Pres. Jos. F. Smith said he didn't think there was any chance for successful competition against us in the salt business or railway.

This was also N. W. Clayton's view. Apostle Jno. H. Smith seemed to favor the retention of the salt business and railway, but thought it would be a difficult matter to manage the beach property as a pleasure resort. Jas. Jack said he was opposed in his feelings to selling the property. Apostle Brigham Young, Jr., was opposed to selling. Said he thought, if we were firm now in holding on to this property, it would be the turning point so far as the Church holding and requiring property is concerned. Pres. F. D. Richards was opposed to selling. He thought it better to retain the property and place it under the best possible control. Apostle M. F. Cowley said he was opposed to selling, as was also Apostle A. O. Woodruff.

I said that I regretted to see enterprises inaugurated by our people go into the hands of the Gentiles. We lose prestige and influence, &c. Also remarked that the building of the Saltair Pavilion was a great accomplishment and is preaching the gospel. It is the admiration of strangers. I was opposed, I said, to selling.

Apostle A. H. Lund expressed himself as being opposed to selling. Pres. Geo. Q. Cannon said that he had always been opposed to selling out our enterprises. He mentioned the early railroads, as an example and said it was a mistaken policy. Remarked that many abominable lies had been told concerning Saltair and they were circulated in some instances by our brethren. He was in favor, he said, of holding on to these properties. He admired the liberal policy of Pres. Brigham Young in building the theatre and other places of amusement. He felt it would be better if the brethren of the Church would take hold of these enterprises and relieve the Presidency from the responsibility, but they won't do it.

Pres. Snow then took an expression of the meeting and the vote was unanimous for retaining the properties. His view, he said,

was similar to that of the brethren—we should hold on to our enterprises. Speaking of indebtedness, he said the First Presidency ought not to go into debt to establish new movements. The present indebtedness of the Church, he remarked, amounted to about \$2,000,000.00 and in order to meet this stupendous obligation, matters would have to be managed carefully. Had called the brethren together, he said, for the purpose [of] uniting them that whatever the action taken it would have their support. Speaking of the Pioneer Power Plant Project, said that the Twelve were opposed to it, and now they talk about and against it. Such would not be the case had they been called together and taken united action. Meeting adjourned *sine die*.

In the afternoon the First Presidency and wives and a number of the brethren of the Twelve and wives took the train over the Salt Lake and Los Angeles Railway at 2:15 p.m. for Saltair Beach. The main object of the trip was to visit the salt works of the Inland Crystal Salt Co., which they did. It was very interesting to go through and watch the manufacture of salt for table and dairy purposes. Returning we reached the city at 4:30 p.m.

#### **Thursday, 27 April 1899**

Salt Lake City. Cold and snowing. 11 a.m. Meeting of the brethren at the temple. Present: First Presidency, Pres. F. D. Richards, B. Young, Jr., F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, M. W. Merrill, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, A. O. Woodruff, [Rudger Clawson,] and Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk. Conference appointments: to Cache Stake, A. H. Lund; to Bannock Stake Apr. 29, one week later to Wayne Stake, Geo. Teasdale; to Woodruff Stake, F. M. Lyman and A. O. Woodruff.

Brother Lund had received a letter, he said, from [Ferdinand F.] Hintze, who had gone from Turkey into Greece and thought there would be an opening for the gospel there.

Brother B. Young, Jr., said that the members of Pres. Young's family desired to celebrate his birthday, June 1, at Saltair, and desired to know if the First Presidency and Twelve and their wives would accept an invitation to be present. It was moved that the invitation be accepted. Carried. Benediction by A. O. Woodruff.

12 o'clock noon. Meeting at the President's office. Present: First Presidency, Pres. F. D. Richards, Apostles B. Young, Jr., F. M.

Lyman, Geo. Teasdale, J. H. Smith, A. H. Lund, M. W. Merrill, M. F. Cowley, A. O. Woodruff, and R. Clawson; the Presiding Bishopric, and Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk.

Pres. Geo. Q. Cannon explained the object of the meeting. Said he had been impressed since the death of Pres. Woodruff to transfer to Pres. Snow what is known as the "dedicated stock." (The dedicated stock was a fund created by Pres. John Taylor and composed of Bullion, Beck, and Champion Mining Co. Stock contributed by the late Pres. John Taylor, Moses Thatcher, John Beck, and Geo. Q. Cannon. After the death of Pres. John Taylor, Moses Thatcher, the heirs of Pres. Taylor, [and] John Beck drew their "dedicated" stock out of the fund, leaving Pres. Cannon's only.) Said Pres. Snow had hesitated about receiving the stock. Since the conversation with him the Sterling Mining Co. matter had been decided. He was pleased with the decision, he said, but he felt as if he would like to do something towards making the loss to the Church good, at least in part. He now proposed that the "dedicated" stock be turned over to the Church and be absorbed by the Church funds to stand as against the expenditures of the Sterling Mine.

Pres. Cannon, by request of Pres. Snow, then read a statement (previously prepared by himself) explaining the nature of the dedicated stock and the purposes for which it should be used, among other things, namely, to purchase the Jackson County Temple site, or if that failed, to establish Church schools, or if that failed, to be used for the benefit of the Church, and the instrument provided that he, Geo. Q. Cannon, in whose charge the dedicated stock was placed by Pres. Taylor, should not be required to give an account of its management to the Church or to anybody else, the only restrictive clause being that the "fund" should not be used for private purposes by the said Geo. Q. Cannon.

The following is a statement, he said, of the management of the fund up to a recent date:

7390 shares, face value	73,900.00
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RECEIPTS

Dividends from stock	159,669.69
Interest paid by Geo. Q. Cannon	20,000.00
[Total receipts]	179,669.69

DISBURSEMENTS

Sterling Mine		11,677.78
House and lot		60,000.00
Cannon, Grant, and Co.		36,000.00
Temple donation		4,000.00
Tithing and services		40,000.00
Donation	2,000	
	1,000	3,000.00
[Total disbursements]		154,677.78
[Balance] on hand		24,991.91
170 Shares Saltair Beach Stock,		17,000.00
3 Church bonds		1,600.00
Cash		6,391.91
[Total]		\$24,991.91

Pres. Snow said: this is a very serious matter. Pres. Cannon has made a statement, showing the manner in which the fund has been used and suggesting, if it meet with the approval of the brethren, that it be disposed of by being closed into the Church funds. It seems, so far as we can learn, that the fund was established by the spirit of revelation and whether it would be proper to close it up or suppress it, is a question for the brethren to decide.

Pres. Cannon said that fault had been found and the opinion expressed by some of the brethren that he ought to have turned this fund over to the pres. of the Church long ago inasmuch as the church had saved the mine in a time of danger by giving a heavy bond. He then produced a copy of the bond, which clearly showed that the Church was in no way connected with it. Pres. Cannon said that if the brethren would consent to have the "dedicated" stock closed into the Church funds to stand as against the Sterling Mining Co. matter, the showing would be as follows:

7390 shares Bullion, Beck, and	
C[hampion] Mining Co. valued at	44,338.00
House and lot	40,000.00
170 shares Saltair Beach Stock	10,000.00
3 Church bonds	1,600.00
Cash	7,139.30
Cash paid within a few days	739.30
	\$103,816.60

Last payt. by the Church on the	
Sterling Mine	115,500.00
Balance	\$ 11,663.40

Pres. Cannon said that he would pay the \$11,663.40 out of his private funds. The mines could probably be sold some day, the proceeds to stand against the other \$216,000 paid by the Church for the Sterling Mine.

Pres. Jos. F. Smith said that this “dedicated” stock was an anomaly. There never was anything just like it. It was something that originated with Pres. Taylor from the Lord. Pres. Taylor felt there ought to be a “fund” created that could be used for defense of the saints in such cases wherein it might be thought to be improper to use the Church funds. Spoke of the withdrawal from the “fund” of Moses Thatcher, John Beck, the heirs of Pres. Taylor, and others, and felt that inasmuch as they had taken this step, Pres. Cannon had a perfect right to suggest as to the disposal of the stock dedicated by himself.

Apostle F. M. Lyman was in favor, he said, of accepting the proposition of Pres. Cannon. Apostle J. H. Smith was in favor of the fund being turned over to Pres. Snow. Apostle M. W. Merrill expressed the view that inasmuch as others had withdrawn their dedicated stock, Pres. Cannon was entitled to his. Pres. Cannon said that he did not take the view expressed by M. W. Merrill, but looked upon the dedication of this stock as being most sacred. Pres. Jos. F. Smith moved that the “dedicated” fund now under consideration be turned over to Pres. Snow to be used according to his best wisdom and judgment. Seconded.

I said that I thought the object for which the fund was established should be maintained so far as possible and should not be placed as against the Sterling Mining Co. business—that matter having already been decided. Said I favored the motion.

The following brethren in brief remarks favored the motion: Pres. F. D. Richards, A. H. Lund, A. O. Woodruff, M. F. Cowley, and Geo. Teasdale. The motion was then put and carried by unanimous vote.

### **Wednesday, 3 May 1899**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cold. I spent the day at the President’s office, working on Pres. Snow’s cash book.

However, in the afternoon I was invited to be present at a meeting held in the President's office. Present: Pres[idents] Snow and Smith, T. G. Webber, Geo. M. Cannon, John M. Cannon, and myself. It was stated by John M. Cannon, atty., that the management of the Bullion, Beck, and Champion Mine was threatened to pass into the hands of the Gentiles, unless some steps were taken to guard against it. It would be necessary to form a syndicate and raise \$250,000 to purchase 51,000 shares of the Beck stock now about to pass into other hands.

Mr. [Simon] Bamberger, the party immediately interested in forming the syndicate, could raise \$150,000. The proposition was this: if the Church would loan the syndicate \$100,000 for 3 years at 8% secured by a portion of the said stock, Mr. Bamberger would guarantee the management of the mine to the Church for that length of time and probably for all time to come. At least things would be in a much more favorable condition than at present.

Pres. Snow could see the necessity of some action, but was averse to using Church funds in the way suggested. In answer to a question by Geo. M. Cannon, cashier, he said he would approve of a loan of \$100,000 to the syndicate by the Zion's Savings Bank, the directors being favorable. It was then decided to call them together.

#### **Thursday, 4 May 1899**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 11 a.m. Meeting of the brethren at the temple. Present: Presidents Lorenzo Snow and Jos. F. Smith, Pres. F. D. Richards, and Apostles B. Young, Jr., F. M. Lyman, Geo. Teasdale, A. H. Lund, R. Clawson, and A. O. Woodruff, [and Heber J. Grant].<sup>6</sup>

Pres. Snow stated a trip by the Presidency and some members of the Twelve through the southern settlements to St. George was in contemplation, the party to leave about June 1, 1899. A letter from W. W. Cluff, Pres. Summit Stake, inviting the Presidency to be present at the dedication of the Summit Stake Tabernacle, was

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<sup>6</sup> Since the remarks of Heber J. Grant are summarized by Clawson, the addition of "[and Heber J. Grant]" restores Grant to the list of apostles actually present. For instances where Clawson added names missing from the typewritten list of those present, see entries of 9 January, 31 October, and 14 November 1901. Other instances of this kind of editorial addition are made without explanation.



read, [to be held on] May 14 and 15. Pres. Snow said he thought likely he would be able to accept the invitation.

Apostle Teasdale reported his visit to the Bannock Stake Conference and said the following changes had been effected: Clarence Eldredge was ordained a high priest and set apart as 2d counselor to Pres. [Lewis S.] Pond; Alma E. Hubbard ordained a high priest and set apart as bishop of Grace Ward; Peter J. Williams set apart as bishop of Hatch Ward; Wm. Ansel Hatch set apart as 1st counselor to Bp. Williams and Alma Hogan 2d counselor to Bp. Williams; Rufus Voscoe Call 2d coun. to Pres. [J. W.] Hubbard of [stake] Y.M.M.I.A.; Ira Call resigned and Christian Nielsen was transferred from 2d to 1st coun. to Pres. Hubbard; Heber Carlos Loveland ordained a high priest and set apart as 2d counselor to Bp. [Judson A.] Tolman of Chesterfield.

Pres. [John W.] Hess of the Davis [Stake] recommended (by letter) Nelson [Melvin] H. Randall as Bp. of Centerville to succeed Bp. [Aaron B.] Porter resigned. Recommendation sustained.

Apostle Teasdale referred to the case of Chas. Higginson, who seduced his wife [Charlotte Muir] before marriage, not confessing his transgression until after the child was born, when he offered to marry her which he did and was forgiven. Outside of this affair, he was exemplary. Subsequently, he took a mission and while absent his wife was corrupted by two men. She was excommunicated. She pled for forgiveness and he forgave her and took her back. This gave offense to the people of his ward. The question that agitated the minds of the bishopric at present was as to the propriety of receiving her into the church. Bro. Teasdale thought that, if she were truly penitent, she should be given a standing in the church.

Apostle H. J. Grant reported his recent trip to San Francisco, where [he] attended some meetings of the saints. At one of the meetings, Elder [Ephraim H.] Nye, president of the [California] Mission, was the principal speaker and in the course of his remarks criticized the views and tenets of the Christian denominations rather too strongly—a policy, he thought, that would have a tendency to antagonize the stranger against us. He found the mission, he said, in a prosperous condition. Speaking of the *Salt Lake Tribune*, which is vilifying the our [*sic*] people, he thought [it] a disgrace for the saints to patronize it.

The question of the attitude of the *Deseret News* toward the

*Tribune* was discussed. It was the feeling of the brethren that Editor Penrose was a little too pugnacious—and that the better policy would be to treat that paper with silent contempt. Pres. Snow intimated that he would have a talk with Bro. Penrose respecting the matter.

It was decided by unanimous vote that the second choice of the brethren for the government building, should there be a failure in getting the [*Deseret*] *News* corner, would be the old city hall corner, and, if necessary, \$10,000 would be appropriated by the church to locate it on that site. Benediction by Pres. Jos. F. Smith.

**Friday, 5 May 1899**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. Spent the day at the President's office and brought Pres. Snow's (Trustee in Trust's) cash book to date, namely, May 1, [18]99. Pres. Snow desired me to ascertain the amount of interest paid by the church in 1897, or rather from Sep. 1, 1897 to Sep. 1, 1898, on its indebtedness, which I did, the same amounting to \$109,000.



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*"His Seed is Represented in This Body of Men"*

**Thursday, 11 May 1899**

11 a.m. Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. Meeting of the brethren at the temple. Present: Presidents Snow and Smith, Pres. F. D. Richards, Apostles F. M. Lyman, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, A. H. Lund, and R. Clawson; and G. F. Gibbs, clerk.

A letter from Pres. Geo. Q. Cannon, Washington, respecting the labors of himself and Bishop [Hiram B.] Clawson on the government building site, was read. He said the present prospects of getting the building on the *Deseret News* corner are favorable. Also wrote regarding the prospect of getting a senator from Utah seated should the governor appoint one. The matter is somewhat uncertain.

A letter from John M. Baxter, pres. of Woodruff Stake, was read. Said that some of the brethren wanted to engage in the publication of a newspaper and he wanted counsel on the subject. There is a paper now published in the stake, called the *Round Up*, but it is unfavorable to our people, and the proposition is to buy it out and make a stake paper of it.

Apostle Lyman, just returned from there, said that he had counseled them to give up the idea of buying and to turn their attention to the *Deseret News* by giving it their patronage. Brother

Lyman's action was approved. In speaking of the *Deseret News* under the management of H[orace] G. Whitney, Apostle Grant said there has been a great improvement in the business, the subscriptions for the semiweekly having increased some 1600 issues since Jan. 1st. Pres. Snow also stated that, while under the old management the business was continually running behind, within a few days H. G. Whitney had proffered the church a loan of \$5000.00, which had been accepted.

A letter from L[ewis] S. Pond, pres. of Bannock Stake, was read. He stated that the bishop of the Lund Ward had resigned and suggested the appointment of F. E. Reddish as his successor. It was recommended that the presidency of the stake be authorized to select an acting bishopric to act until some of the apostles visit the Bannock Stake. Adopted.

A letter from Apostle J. W. Taylor, recommending the appointment of certain brethren to settle in Canada and work on the canal there, was read. It was moved that, in consideration of the fact the call is intended to fill a contract made by the First Presidency, the communication be approved. Carried. Benediction by Pres. J. F. Smith.

I spent the balance of the day at the President's office, working on Pres. Snow's private books.

### **Sunday, 14 May 1899**

Brigham City. Cloudy and cool. At 12 o'clock I left for Mantua Ward accompanied by Lydia and the children, arriving there at 1:30 p.m. We found the Bishop [Peter C. Jensen] confined to his bed with a severe cold.

2 p.m. Meeting at the ward house, Counselor [Michael J.] Schow presiding. Elder J. D. Call, home missionary, was the first speaker. Topics treated. Preaching the gospel by inspiration rather than depending upon the written sermon. Compared false religions with the true religion.

I occupied the balance of the time. Read from the 31st chapter of 2nd Nephi, commencing at the 14th verse, and made comments thereon.

After meeting called at Brother [Hans N.] Jeppesen's accompanied by Brother Schow and administered to his boy, Joseph, who has recently had a paralytic stroke. Later took dinner at the

bishop's and after administering to the bishop, we returned to Brigham City. The ride through the canyon was delightful. Shortly after midnight I was called and asked to go and assist in administering to Sister Phebe Tracy, a sister living in the 3rd Ward, who had suddenly been struck down with paralysis, her whole left side being affected. She was in a most distressing condition. Brother [Lorenzo N.] Stohl, Rohwer, and myself administered to her.

### **Monday, 15 May 1899**

Brigham City. Cloudy and cool. I took the 6:10 a.m. for Salt Lake, arriving at 9 a.m. I spent the forenoon and part of the afternoon at the President's office, working on President Snow's private books. At 3 p.m. went with Mother and some of the girls down to Scheel's Bros. and selected the wallpaper for the 18th Ward house.

At 5:30 p.m. President Snow and party took train for St. George where they will hold conference, and in their return home will take teams and visit the settlements along the rode. It is expected that they will have a grand time. The party was composed of the following brethren and sisters: Pres. Snow and wife, Pres. J. F. Smith and wife, Pres. F. D. Richards and wife, Apostle F. M. Lyman and wife, A[braham]. O. Woodruff and wife, Bishop [William B.] Preston, Seymour B. Young, and Arthur Winter, church reporter. Pres. Snow kindly invited me to go with the party, but owing to certain matters of importance arising I could not accept the invitation, much to my regret.

### **Sunday, 21 May 1899**

Brigham City. Clear and cool. 2 p.m. [Box Elder Stake Conference.] I made brief remarks concerning the affairs of the stake, expressing my appreciation of the fellowship of the saints of the Box Elder Stake. Said that we, as saints, are highly blessed, because in our weakness God has made us strong by the power of His Spirit and by that Spirit would thresh the nations. Also showed that man could not find out God, except by the Spirit of God.

7 p.m. Priesthood meeting in the tabernacle. Pres. [Christian D.] Ejeldsted was the first speaker and dwelt upon the duties of the priesthood. Also spoke against mask balls.

J. H. Smith followed and spoke upon the subject of marriage.

He also spoke in praise of the singing by the choir.

Patriarchs, high councillors, bishops, and counselors were asked to remain a few minutes after the meeting. Apostle Taylor addressed them and said that Bp. Preston and himself had been appointed by the First Presidency to get settlers to the number of 100 to go to Canada to work on a canal there and settle in that country, to fill a contract made by the Presidency in the interest of our people. He said it was desirable to have one or two families go from each of the larger wards of the stake, and he would leave the matter in the hands of the bishops to investigate and report to him at the earliest moment.

**Monday, 29 May 1899**

Brigham City. Cloudy and mild. 6:10 a.m. I took the train for Salt Lake, arriving at 9 a.m.

The great naval hero, W. S. Schley, who was the central figure in the battle of Santiago Harbor when the Spanish fleet under Cervera was destroyed, is in Salt Lake. He came in yesterday morning and received an ovation at the depot and along the streets. In the afternoon he attended services at the tabernacle and made a short speech that was applauded to the echo. In the afternoon he made a short visit to Saltair Beach and seemed to greatly enjoy it. At 9:45 this morning he was accorded a street reception by the school children of Salt Lake City. The children formed in line on the north side of South Temple St. from Main to 10th East. The admiral rode in a carriage with Governor [Heber M.] Wells, drawn by four white horses, preceded by a band. There were many carriages in the line. The children were very enthusiastic and cheered to the echo as the distinguished party passed along.

2 p.m. Afternoon session of officers meeting of Y.M.M.I.A., Pres. Lorenzo Snow presiding. Pres. Lorenzo Snow said, we are going to visit you in your stakes and tell you what the Lord has put in our hearts to tell you. Spoke upon the law of tithing, and said, if we don't obey it, this will not be a land of Zion to us. We don't half obey it. If the saints had paid an honest tithing during the past two years, there would be a million dollars in the treasury of the Church that is not there now. It is a question, he said, whether people who don't pay an honest tithing are entitled to go into the temple and receive blessings there. In conclusion he invoked the

blessings of the Lord upon the young men present.

#### **Thursday, 1 June 1899**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. Birthday of President Brigham Young. Celebration was given by his family at Saltair, trains going out and returning every hour in the day after 10 a.m. At 2 p.m. an elegant luncheon was served to First Presidency and Twelve and other prominent visitors, after which a very interesting program was rendered in the pavilion. The temple choir furnished the singing, popular airs were rendered by [John] Held's Band, and addresses were made by Brigham Young, Jr., Governor Wells, Senator Jos. L. Rawlins, Apostle F. M. Lyman, and Judge Kinney of California. All of the speakers paid a glowing tribute to the memory of President Brigham Young. In the evening an old time ball with old time costumes was given, and it proved to be a very enjoyable affair. The only unpleasant feature of the celebration was the weather, which was quite cold during a greater part of the day. Mother and myself returned on the 8:15 p.m. train.

#### **Thursday, 8 June 1899**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 8 a.m. Worked on the monthly statements for the Brigham City Roller Mill Co.

11 a.m. Meeting of the brethren at the temple. Present: Presidents L. Snow, J. F. Smith, F. D. Richards, and Apostles B. Young, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, R. Clawson, and Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk.

A letter from Orson Smith, tendering his resignation as president of Cache Stake, was read. Financial troubles led him to resign.

A letter from C. M. Wilson, Att[orne]y, Los Angeles, Cala., was also read. He felt interested, he said, in the Yuma Indians of Arizona and thought they ought to be colonized in Cala., as there was a good chance for them to secure land there. In the event of steps being taken in that direction, our people, he was sure, could materially assist them. Apostle J. H. Smith thought that, before final action in the matter, Henry Rogers, who has been laboring among the Indians in Arizona, should be consulted. The question was referred to B. Young, Jr., to investigate.

Apostle J. H. Smith reported the visit of himself and M. F. Cowley to Chattanooga, Tenn. Said the elders in the Southern



States were suffering considerably from malaria, and they had, therefore, advised Ben Rich to withdraw the elders from the low lands during the summer months. Said there was a splendid feeling among the elders. Had held some very interesting meetings of which the press gave favorable notice. Reported that a commissary had been established in the Southern States Mission to supply the Elders with clothing and other things, and they thought it a good thing. The Book of Mormon, he said, was being sold by the Josephites [members of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints] in the South at 50 cts. per volume. He recommended that a cheap edition of the Book of Mormon be published by the Church to meet this condition. Apostles J. H. Smith and M. F. Cowley were appointed a committee to look into the matter. Brother Cowley stated that the Book of Mormon could be published in the South for 27 1/2 cts. and in the North for 33 1/2 cts., just as good in style and finish as the dollar edition sold in Salt Lake.

Speaking of the distribution of our literature in the world, Pres. Snow said the difficulty now confronting us is the lack of means. If the people would pay a just tithing, he said, there would be no trouble.

Pres. A. M. Cannon reported by letter that people, who in some cases were unworthy, were recommended by Elders in the world for their [temple] anointings and endowments. It was the mind of the council that the practice be stopped, and that a circular letter be sent to the Elders instructing them in the matter.

Heber C. Iverson was recommended by the presidency of stake as bishop for the 2nd Ward, Salt Lake. Taken under advisement. Benediction by M. F. Cowley.

8 p.m. Accompanied by Mother, I attended a banquet given by the Latter-day Saints College alumni at Christensen's Hall. It was a very pleasant affair and was much enjoyed by all.

### **Monday, 12 June 1899**

Brigham City. Clear and warm. Accompanied by Lydia I left for Salt Lake, arriving at 9 a.m. The purpose of Lydia's visit was to go with me to the 18th Ward house and consider some changes therein.

assembly hall, general priesthood meeting. Prest. Snow was the first speaker. Read from Section 85, Book of Covenants, bearing upon the law of tithing, also from Section 101. Said we have come here today to tell you exactly what the Lord expects of you and me with reference to the law of tithing. Speaking of the saints in Jackson County, said that God made certain promises to them—namely, to bless and multiply them in that land, if they would observe to keep the law of consecration, but they failed to do it and God permitted their enemies to drive them out. Had they observed to keep His law, the Latter-day Saints would be the wealthiest community on the earth today. Said, “Brethren, you and I will never be called to go to Jackson County until we shall be willing to accept the law of consecration. After the people had failed in keeping this law, they were placed under another law, namely, that of tithing, and we are now under that law.”<sup>1</sup> He then read the revelation on tithing from the Book of Covenants. Not more than 50% of the tithing has been paid, said he, and also further remarked that, if a full tithing had been paid during the past year, there would be \$1,000,000.00 in the treasury that is not there now. He said, “A part of a tithing is no tithing at all, any more than baptizing half the body constitutes a baptism. It is now time for the people to wake up and do their duty in this matter.” Prest. Jos. F. Smith also spoke upon the law of consecration and tithing.

After the meeting Lydia and myself went through the 18th Ward house and decided upon some important and radical changes. At 8:45 p.m. we took the train for Brigham City, arriving at 2 a.m., having been greatly delayed at Ogden.

#### Thursday, 15 June 1899

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. 11 a.m. Meeting of the brethren at the temple. Present: Presidents Snow and Smith, Apostles J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, A. H. Lund, A. O. Woodruff, F. D. Richards, R. Clawson, and Geo. F. Gibbs, clk., [and Matthias F. Cowley].

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<sup>1</sup> Members of the LDS church believe that Jesus Christ will usher in the Millennium from Jackson County, Missouri. They believe they will reoccupy the land, from which they were expelled in the late 1830s, will build a temple, and will help establish the New Jerusalem.

Pres. Snow said that he had been impressed to call the presidents of stakes and bishops of wards throughout Zion to meet in the temple, fast day, July 2nd, 1899, and there present to them the law of tithing. He wished to know, he said, how the brethren felt in relation to the matter. Apostles J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, and myself made remarks favoring the idea. It was moved by myself that the meeting be held, July 2nd, in accordance with Pres. Snow's suggestion, and that the following authorities be invited to attend: First Presidency, Twelve, First Seven Presidents, Patriarch, presidents of stakes and counselors, and bishops of wards. Carried.

A letter from Wm. H. Seegmiller, pres. Juab [Sevier] Stake, was read. He stated that the stake tabernacle, recently destroyed by fire, would soon be ready for dedication and expressed the hope that the First Presidency and Twelve would favor them with their presence upon that occasion, the President to designate who should offer the dedicatory prayer. Invitation accepted.

Apostle J. H. Smith asked if there would be any objection to Elder Ben E. Rich, president of the Southern States Mission, having his wife live with him in the mission, as it was thought she would make a very efficient missionary. President Snow said there would be no objection to it.

Singing. Benediction by Apostle Geo. Teasdale.

In the afternoon had F. G. Holden, the electrician, come to the 18th Ward house and get out a bid for wiring same. He told me it would cost \$27.50, and I instructed him to go ahead.

### **Sunday, 18 June 1899**

Fielding. Clear and warm. At 7:39 a.m. we left for Portage, a 17-mile drive, arriving at 10 a.m. The roads were dusty.

10 a.m. [Malad Stake] Conference convened at the ward house. Meeting called to order by Pres. O. C. Hoskins.

Pres. Hoskins gave a brief report of the stake. Said the presidency of the stake had recently visited the Sunday Schools, and could say that a good work is being done among the children. A good spirit prevails in the meetings of the people, both general and priesthood. Exhorted the saints to faithfulness.

Andrew Jenson, Asst. Church Historian, followed. Topics treated: Preaching the gospel. Manners and customs of the people

living on the islands of the sea, namely, Sandwich Islands, Samoa, and New Zealand. I made a few remarks on the subject of infidelity, showing the great responsibility resting upon parents respecting their children.

2 p.m. Moroni Ward, bishop of Washakie Indian Ward, reported the condition of the Indians under his charge. There are some of the Indians, he said, who are faithful in the performance of every duty, others there are who are careless and indifferent. They have a Relief Society and a Sunday School, and a number have received the priesthood of an elder. The Indian, he said, is naturally very suspicious, but when he is treated right by his white brother, is strong in his friendships. Apostle A. O. Woodruff followed and dwelt at length upon the law of tithing.

#### Thursday, 22 June 1899

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 11 a.m. Meeting of the brethren at the temple. Present: Presidents L. Snow and Jos. F. Smith, and Apostles B. Young, Jr., J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, A[braham] O. Woodruff, R. Clawson, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk.

A communication from certain members of the 2nd Wd., [Salt Lake] City, was read. It represented that they had purchased some lots [in] Steffensen's Division from one Chas. [Christian] Steffensen, who is now on a mission in Scandinavia, and that he had sold some of the lots twice, which would doubtless lead to trouble. They asked that Elder Steffensen be released to come home and fix up the matter. Upon vote the matter was referred to Apostle Lund to investigate.

After some discussion in reference to reorganizing the bishopric of the 2nd Ward, City, it was moved that Heber C. Iverson be appointed bishop. Carried.

Apostle J. H. Smith suggested that some attention should be given to a number of the presidents of stakes, who are getting old and are, therefore, not so active and progressive as they should be. He named the following stakes as needing a change: Bannock, Cassia, Wasatch, San Pete, Malad, Beaver, Morgan, and San Juan. Pres. Snow said he would be in favor of a change if we could supply their places with men who are devoted and ambitious. Benediction by Pres. Lorenzo Snow.

**Friday, 23 June 1899**

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. The following is a copy [of] a letter addressed to me, the meeting to be held in the Salt Lake Temple, July 2nd, 1899:

Salt Lake City  
June 22nd, 1899

*A Call by the First Presidency.*

Pres. Rudger Clawson and Counselors,  
Box Elder Stake of Zion,

Dear Brethren:

A Solemn Assembly of the Holy Priesthood, consisting of [the] First Presidency, [Apostles,] First Seven Presidents of Seventies, Presiding Patriarch, Presiding Bishopric, presidents of stakes and their counselors, and bishops of wards will convene in the Salt Lake Temple next fast day, July 2nd, at 10 o'clock a.m.

Please notify the bishops of your stake of this meeting and send us the names, as soon as possible, of those who will attend, including those of yourselves.

Your brethren,

Lorenzo Snow,  
Geo. Q. Cannon,  
Jos. F. Smith.

**Thursday, 29 June 1899**

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. Meeting of the brethren at the President's office. Present: President[s] Snow and Smith, Apostles F. M. Lyman, B. Young, Jr., Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, A. H. Lund, F. D. Richards, M. F. Cowley, A. O. Woodruff, and myself, Bp. W. B. Preston, F. S. Richards, Robt. R. Anderson, and Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk.

The object of the meeting briefly stated was this: the First Presidency of the Church in the days of Pres. Woodruff, being desirous to see the Pioneer Power Plant enterprise a success and in order to aid said company in securing funds, guaranteed the bond issue, namely, \$1,500,000.00, which action, owing to the uncertainty of business enterprises generally, is causing the Presi-

dency and Twelve considerable anxiety. The Pioneer Co. afterwards went into the consolidation known as the Union Light and Power Co. Certain English capitalists, who are also interested in the consolidation, are dissatisfied and are trying to make trouble. Pres. Geo. Q. Cannon, LeGrande Young, and R. S. Campbell have had several conferences with them in Boston and under the authority of Pres. Snow are trying to get the Church released from the guarantee. Pres. Cannon telegraphed that the Banigan Estate, which holds the bonds referred to, would surrender the guarantee upon condition that the Church pay \$25,000.00 in 30 days, \$200,000 in one year [at 5 percent interest] and guarantee 5% [2 percent] interest on \$250,000.00 bonds for 10 years. By accepting this proposition the Church would be relieved of any further liability as against the \$1,500,000.00. After some discussion it was decided by unanimous vote to accept, and a telegram announcing the decision was sent East.

Pres. Snow said that the meeting called for next Sunday at the temple would be a very important one, if not the most important we have had for years. It is to be called a Solemn Assembly and surely will be one. We calculate to partake of the sacrament at one o'clock, and about 4 p.m. break our fast in the assembly room of the temple. The meetings will be held in the Celestial and Terrestrial Rooms. The object to be accomplished is twofold, namely, to get those who attend the meeting to pay a full tithing, and through them, to get those over whom they preside to do the same. I know the brethren feel impressed with the importance of this meeting, and I want you to pray for the Spirit to rest upon all who attend. There will be no time for long sermons, but we want to hear from the Presidency, the Twelve, the Seven Presidents, and very briefly from the presidents of stakes. I will keep the time.

Apostle Heber J. Grant said he thought he could get a loan of \$50,000.00 for the Church from the Hartford Fire Ins[urance] Co. at 6%, and possible at 5%. Taken under advisement.

Apostle Lyman reported his recent visit to the East. Said that while absent, he met Elder [Louis A.] Kelsch, pres. of the Northern States Mission, and Elder Ben E. Rich, pres. of the Southern States Mission. These brethren wanted the headquarter[s] of the Southern States Mission removed from Chattanooga, Tenn., to Cincinnati, Ohio. One reason for the change was to get away from the

unhealthy localities of the South. After some discussion it was moved by myself that the change be made. Carried.

Apostle Lyman read a letter from the President of the Wayne Stake [Willis E. Robison] in relation to a certain bishop by the name of Thos. Blackburn of Loa, who admitted that he had made several improper proposals to a number of sisters of his ward and had done things prejudicial to the character of a good Latter-day Saint. He wanted some counsel, he said, respecting the case. The matter was left for one of the Twelve to investigate at the next quarterly conference of the Wayne Stake.

Apostle Lund made a report in relation [to] the case of Elder [Christian] Steffensen, who had deeded a certain piece of land to two parties. He found that such had really been done, but, so far as he could learn, it was done by mistake. He had advised that the matter be left until Elder Steffensen's return home. Meeting adjourned.

### **Sunday, 2 July 1899**

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. This being the day for the Solemn Assembly called by the First Presidency, a large number of brethren were admitted to temple at 10 o'clock and were seated in the Celestial and Terrestrial Rooms. There were about 700 present, as follows, the First Presidency, Twelve, First Seven Presidents of Seventies, Presiding Patriarch, Presiding Bishopric, presidency of stakes, the bishops of wards, stake presidencies of Y.M.M.I.A., Y.L.M.I.A., Relief Society, and Sunday Schools, and a few others. Meeting was called to order by President Lorenzo Snow.

Pres. Snow said, it may seem strange, your being called together, but when you understand the object of the meeting you will understand the importance of it. Read Section 104 and a portion of Section 85, D.&C. Said that if the brethren present lived 10, 15, or 20 years, or perhaps less, they would go back to Jackson County. The time for returning to Jackson County is much nearer than many suppose and it is the faithful that would be selected to go and they will be required to accept the United Order. Read of the troubles and curses that are visited upon apostates. Said he would tell us what the Lord requires of us today. Read Section 119, D.[&]C. Talked upon the subject

of tithing. If the people, he said, had paid an honest tithing for the past year, we would have received \$1,000,000.00 more than we did receive, and if a full tithing had been paid for the past 12 years, we would have received \$10,000,000.00 more than we did receive. Bp. Preston says, and the books prove it, that only about a 50% tithing is paid. A half tithing or a third tithing is no tithing at all, but simply an offering. If we do not observe this law, we have no promise that we shall remain in this land an hour. Said that while visiting in St. George on his recent trip, the Lord revealed to him what counsel he should impart to the people, and the word of the Lord was that the Saints should pay their tithing. Trouble has come upon the people. In the south stock is dying off and crops are drying up, and in the north crops were partially destroyed by frost. An effort is being made to influence the Government to disfranchise the Latter-day Saints by a constitutional amendment. How far this is due to the disobedience of our people in observing the law of tithing, I do not know, but the saints are certainly under condemnation.

Bp. Preston followed. So far as he could ascertain, he said, there is about one-fourth of the saints that pay no tithing at all, while the average tithing paid by those that do pay is not more than 50%, and many fall below that percentage.

The following brethren spoke briefly but strongly upon the subject of tithing: Apostles A. O. Woodruff, F. D. Richards, B. Young, Jr., R. Clawson, M. W. Merrill, A. H. Lund, and H. J. Grant.

President Snow read Sec. 86, Book of D.&C. Said, we are the sons and daughters of God, and descendants of the prophets and apostles. Said, the Lord has forgiven us for our carelessness in paying our tithing in the past, but he will forgive us no longer—and if we do not obey this law, we will be scattered as were the saints in Jackson County, and this by reason of the knowledge we have attained to. What I say is as true as God lives. We must teach the people this law of tithing—first by paying tithing ourselves. Just as sure as we live, if we do not honor the law of tithing, we will never possess the land of Jackson County, except it be by the shedding of blood, but it will not be by the shedding of blood because you will listen to my voice and the voice of my brethren. We are the sons of the prophets



and the sons of God. The Lord will not send hornets to drive the people out of Jackson County, as he promised to drive the people out of the land of promise before the children of Israel, but he will send cyclones, earthquakes, and pestilences.

Apostle M. F. Cowley made brief remarks upon the law of tithing.

Recess. Lunch was served in assembly room on the upper floor, and consisted of ham sandwiches, cheese, buns, and cakes. In view of the long fast, the lunch seemed to be greatly relished by all.

At about 5 o'clock meeting was resumed in the Celestial and Terrestrial Rooms. Instructive remarks were made by the following brethren upon the law of tithing: LeRoi Snow, Apostle Geo. Teasdale and Pres. Jos. F. Smith. The latter, in speaking of tithing, said, the books should record not only what we do, but what we ought to have done and did not do. A man is in a poor business as president or bishop of a ward who says to the people, do as you ought to do, not as I do. The poor of a ward—widows and orphans—all should pay their tithing. Pres. Smith was followed by Apostles Smith and Lyman, who also dwelt upon the law of tithing.

Pres. Geo. Q. Cannon also spoke upon the law of tithing. Among other things [he] said, "there are those in this audience who are descendants of the old 12 Apostles and, shall I say it, yes, descendants of the Savior himself. His seed is represented in this body of men."

Pres. Snow made closing remarks. Said he hoped the brethren would take the spirit of these meetings home with them and impart the same to the people. A resolution to the effect that the brethren present would accept the law of tithing, obey it themselves, and teach it to the people was adopted by a rising vote with uplifted hands. Pres. Snow then led in the Sacred Shout, and the meeting came to a close.

After the meeting Bp. Carl Jensen, Chas. Kelly, and myself went down to one of the restaurants on Main St. and took supper, after which the brethren took train for their homes.

### **Tuesday, 4 July 1899**

Brigham City. Clear and hot. With the exception of a few

hours at the bank I spent the day quietly at home. At 5 p.m. Lydia, myself, and the children took supper at Brother Kelly's, and spent a few hours at his home very pleasantly. In the evening Lydia and myself went to the theatre and witnessed the "Cuban Spy" by the Home Dramatic Co.

### Wednesday, 5 July 1899

Brigham City. Clear and hot. At 8:20 a.m. took the train for Salt Lake, arriving at 10:20 a.m.

I spent the day in getting out a statement of the revenue and expenses of the Church for the year 1898. In round numbers the revenue amounted to about \$837,000.00, and the expenses, to \$514,000.00, leaving a margin of about \$323,000.00. The revenue is chiefly derived from tithing, \$22,000.00 is derived from dividend-paying stocks, and \$2,000.00 from rents.

### Thursday, 6 July 1899

Salt Lake City. Clear and hot. 11 a.m. Meeting of the brethren at the temple. Present: the First Presidency, Pres. F. D. Richards, Apostles F. M. Lyman, Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, R. Clawson, A. O. Woodruff, and G. F. Gibbs, clk.

A letter from H. J. Faust, in reference to settling up Deep Creek Valley, was read. He thought the church ranch there ought to be divided up into small holdings and some of the families of the saints be called to go there.

The question of colonization, in a general way, was discussed at some length. Apostle J. H. Smith thought Nevada ought to be colonized by our people, and it would be but a short time, in his opinion, when the saints would control that state.

Pres. Snow expressed the view that we ought to colonize in places where the Church would acquire political power and influence, and thought Nevada was just such a place. Canada did not offer any opportunities to obtain political power and influence, and he was not, therefore, in favor of colonizing that country any more than was necessary to fill the contracts entered into by the First Presidency. Pres. Snow felt that some good, active brother ought to be selected to look after the colonization of our people.

Apostle A. O. Woodruff reported that the people in the Big Horn Valley, Wyo., had drifted into that valley in an unorganized condition and had gotten behind somewhat in spiritual matter[s]. They now desired to be forgiven for drifting away and they would try and do better in the future.

Apostle Smith moved that they be forgiven. Seconded. Pres. F. D. Richards moved as an amendment that the saints in the Big Horn Valley be organized into a ward. Motion and amendment carried, and Apostle Woodruff was authorized to attend to the matter. Apostle J. H. Smith also moved that the people in the Lucerne Valley, Wyo., be organized into a ward. Carried. Apostle Woodruff was instructed to attend to this matter also.

Apostle Lyman called attention to the many blessing[s] that are being showered down upon the saints, and he felt that the Lord was abundantly blessing Pres. Snow's administration. Pres. Snow remarked that in the settlement with the English bond-holders of the Union Light and Power Co. and the Banigan Estate, holders of the Pioneer Bonds—\$1,500,000.00 of which were guaranteed by the Church—the Lord had favored the Church in a marvelous manner. See page 32 [29 June 1899] for terms of settlement.

Pres. Cannon gave a detailed account of how the settlement was effected, which more than ever confirmed the brethren in the belief that the hand of the Lord was in it. Benediction by Pres. Geo. Q. Cannon.

### **Saturday, 8 July 1899**

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. 8 a.m. Left for Brigham City, arriving at 10 a.m.

11 a.m. Gathering of the old folks of Box Elder Stake—aged 70 and upwards—at the tabernacle, about 150 being present. Meeting called to order by Coun. Chas. Kelly, Chairman.

Coun. Chas. Kelly made opening remarks, welcoming the old folks. Bp. Preston followed and said he was pleased to meet the old folks, but was not in favor of calling them old—inasmuch as many people at 70 and 80 are as young in spirit and feeling as others at 50 and 60. Spoke of the old folks excursion from Salt Lake to Geneva, Utah Co. There were 21 carloads and they had a splendid time. Some of the young folks were as lively and active as young men and women of 20 and 30. There were, he said, 1000

old folks in the Salt Lake Stake. Did not like to hear the brethren in their prayers ask the Lord to bless His aged servant, President Snow. We are not growing old while engaged in the service of the Lord.

Remarks were made by Apostle A. H. Lund. Spoke in terms of great respect for the aged. Related an incident wherein his little son, in speaking of a certain brother who had reached the ripe age of 90, said he must have been very obedient to his parents—thus fulfilling the scripture which says, Honor thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long in the land [cf. Exodus 20:12].

Pres. Snow made brief remarks. Said it was not only the privilege but the duty of the aged brethren and sisters present to live just as long as they can. They were entitled, he said, through faithfulness to have with them the Holy Spirit, which would strengthen their bodies and lengthen out their lives. Admonished those present not to brood over the unpleasant things of life, but always look on the bright side. It will not be long, he said, before the saints—many of them—will live 100, 105, 115, and 120 years old.

In the afternoon a dramatic performance was given in the opera house by the Home Company for the benefit of the old folks. The title of the piece was the “Cuban Spy,” and [it] was very much enjoyed by all.

### **Sunday, 9 July 1899**

Brigham City. Clear and hot. 8:30 a.m. Accompanied by Lydia and the children I left for Bear River City to attend the dedication of the new meeting house there.

10 a.m. The saints of Bear River City Ward and surrounding settlements were gathered in the new meeting house—a beautiful and substantial brick building erected at a cost of \$6896.00, consisting of a large assembly room, vestry, and room above vestry. The walls were finished in white and the woodwork was painted in oak. The stand for speakers and singers occupying one end of the assembly room was built in a substantial and convenient manner being ornamental to the room. The vestry and upper room were also finished off in good style. In fact, the workmanship throughout was first class in every particular.

Meeting was called to order by Bp. Carl Jensen. As Pres. Snow

and party—consisting of Apostle A. H. Lund, Bp. Preston, presidency of stake, and others—approached the meeting house, the band struck up a lively air, and as they entered the house, the Sunday School children sang “We thank thee, O God, for a Prophet.”

The dedicatory prayer was then offered by Pres. Lorenzo Snow. Brief opening remarks were made by Bp. Jensen in which he reported that the building had cost \$6896.00, and [the expenses of] which had all been paid for but \$400.00, and this had been assumed by a number of the brethren to relieve the house of debt that it might be dedicated to the Lord.

I made remarks expressing great satisfaction with the new meeting house in which we were assembled. Gave as a reason for the accomplishment of this great work, the faithfulness of the people in observing the law of tithing. Referred to Bp. Jensen as being a priesthood man willing to take counsel, and when he got word from the presidency of the stake to go ahead and build a new meeting house, he accepted it, and you see the result.

2 p.m. Pres. Snow made remarks. Spoke of the great and varied experience we had passed through since embracing the gospel, and took it for granted that none present would like to go back and pass through those things again. Said if the saints would get out of debt, keep the commandments of God, control their amusements, and pay their tithing, it would not hurt his feelings at all to hear that they had erected a theatre in this ward for amusements. Under proper control amusements were acceptable to the Lord. Asked God to bless the people of Bear River City and told them not to be discouraged. Spoke of tithing and said the saints were driven from Jackson County because they failed to obey the law of consecration. The saints are now under the law of tithing. The same fate will follow you and me and the Church, if we fail to obey the law of tithing. It is because of your faithfulness in observing this law that you have been so abundantly blessed in obtaining this new meeting house.

Apostle A. H. Lund made brief remarks, complimenting the people upon the possession of such an excellent building. Exhorted the saints to fill it at times of worship. Dwelt upon the import[ance] of being pure in heart.

### Tuesday, 11 July 1899

Brigham City. Clear and warm. 8 a.m. Accompanied by Lydia and the children, I left for Salt Lake with the Sunday School excursion to Saltair Beach, arriving 11 [sic] a.m. At the Brigham depot I had some conversation with Bro. J. D. Call, with whom I am negotiating for the sale of my home in Brigham City. He told me that he would give \$1600.00 in cash and a piece of land in the 2nd Ward near Main St. worth \$200.00 and I accepted the offer. I have all along been asking \$1800.00 for the property.

10 a.m. Quarterly meeting of the Twelve at the temple. Meeting called to order by Pres. F. D. Richards. Singing. Prayer by H. J. Grant. Singing. Present: Pres. F. D. Richards, Apostles F. M. Lyman, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, J. W. Taylor, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, A. O. Woodruff, [Marriner Wood Merrill,] and myself.

The following brethren spoke briefly: Pres. F. D. Richards, Apostles F. M. Lyman, Geo. Teasdale. Besides testifying of their good feelings towards the First Presidency and their brethren of the Twelve, they dwelt somewhat upon the law of tithing and plural marriage. Meeting [adjourned] until 2 p.m.

2 p.m. Singing. Apostle H. J. Grant spoke of the prejudice that is being worked up by the *Salt Lake Tribune* against the Church. Didn't look upon it as being very serious. Said that Pres. Richard[s]'s prediction with reference to his getting out of debt is being rapidly fulfilled. Thought he would be out of debt in about 18 months, whereas it looked sometime ago as if it would take at least 10 years.

Apostle Taylor followed and referred to a recent conference held in Canada at Cardston. The attendance was large and the meetings instructive. There are, he said, about 3000 people belonging to the Church in Canada at present. The canal contract entered into by the First Presidency would be filled.

Apostle Merrill spoke upon the subject of tithing. Said if the saints would pay their tithing the Church would soon be out of debt. The Church once had plenty of money and would see that day again. The Lord is going to open up the way for the Church to get out of debt. Predicted that the time would never be in this Church when children from plural marriages will not be born. Said he believed that the First Presidency had a right to counsel him in

all things, both spiritual and temporal.

Apostle A. H. Lund made brief remarks. Apostle Cowley spoke upon the law of tithing in brief. Also said he felt in his heart that the day is not far distant when the Lord will clean out Jackson County and open up the way for the redemption of Zion.

Apostle A. O. Woodruff spoke of his devotion to the work of God. Also referred to the subject of tithing. Had noticed, he said, one brother in attendance at the Solemn Assembly in the temple, who was a non-tithe-payer, and felt he ought not to have been permitted there. Benediction by myself.

4:15 p.m. Accompanied by Lydia and the children, I went to Saltair. It being Mutual Improvement Day there was an immense crowd there—possibly 7000 people.

### **Wednesday, 12 July 1899**

Salt Lake City. Clear and hot. I spent the forenoon at the county court house, recorder's department, fixing up the transfer of the 18th Ward property from my sister Tessie to myself, the property being in her name, she having negotiated the purchase of it in the first place.

2 p.m. Meeting of the brethren at the temple. Singing. Prayer by Apostle M. F. Cowley. Singing.

Pres. Richards made a few remarks respecting the authority pertaining to a high council of a stake and the First Presidency. I spoke briefly saying that I was in full accord with the Presidency and my brethren of the Twelve. Spoke of tithing and building meeting houses as a test of men's faith.

Apostle Lyman made some remarks on the Manifesto suspending plural marriage, showing that it was given by inspiration and that to his mind made it equivalent to a revelation. Meeting adjourned. At 6:15 Lydia and myself went out to the lake for a bath.

### **Thursday, 13 July 1899**

Salt Lake City. Clear and hot. Continuation of the quarterly meeting of the brethren in the temple. All of the Twelve were present but Apostle B. Young, Jr. It was decided that the next quarterly meeting be held on Oct. 3, 4, 5, 1899, at 10 a.m.

Some discussion was indulged in with reference to the pay-

ment of tithes—that is, as to the percentage. At 11:00 a.m. the First Presidency came in; also, by invitation, the First Seven Presidents of Seventies.

The President made brief remarks, saying that he was pleased to have the First Seven Presidents to come in and meet with us. I know that the Lord has revealed to me, said he, that it is our duty to stir up the people to pay their tithing. If this law is not observed, the Church cannot stand. Some discussion followed on the interpretation of the law of tithing.

Some remarks were made about the Montana and New York Missions. The latter was reported to be in good condition, the former needed attention. Reference was made to traveling without purse and scrip, and it was very much approved of. The matter of selecting a president for the Cache Stake was introduced, and the names of Isaac Smith and Jos. Morrell were suggested for consideration. After some discussion as to the qualification of these two brethren for said position, the matter was left to First Presidency for final action.

The sacrament was then partaken of. Pres. Jos. F. Smith was mouth in blessing the bread and wine, which was supplied in sufficient abundance to satisfy all present. A very enjoyable time was passed at the table, after which an adjournment was taken, Pres. F. D. Richards offering the benediction.

### **Sunday, 16 July 1899**

Richfield. Clear and warm. 9 a.m. Sunday School session at the tabernacle. The First Presidency and other authorities present. A large number of beautiful children were assembled. School called to order by Asst. Stake Supt., Chariton Seegmiller.

Pres. Snow said that he was over 85 years of age and that the little children before him, if they would do right, could live to be 85, 95, 100 years and longer. Advised them to pay tithing on all money they received.

Pres. Cannon made brief remarks on the word of wisdom, prayer, and obedience. The children were given the opportunity to shake hands with Pres. Snow and 717 enjoyed the privilege.

10:30 a.m. Regular service of [Sevier Stake] Conference continued. Meeting called to order by Pres. [William H.] Seegmiller. Prayer by Pres. Lorenzo Snow, which was the dedicatory prayer.



Pres. Snow was the first speaker and dwelt at some length upon the principle of tithing. Also spoke of the law of consecration and said that sooner or later—not today or tomorrow—we would have to observe that law. If it had been observed by the people of Jackson County from that day to this, we would now have power over the nations and would be the richest community on earth. There would not be a poor man or woman in the Church. The Church will never get out of debt, the Lord will not allow us to get out of debt, unless we pay a proper tithing. I say to you in the name of the Lord God of Israel that He will not let us pass along in relation to that law as we have done without bringing trouble upon us. If I were going to my death within an hour, I would leave with you as my dying testimony that which I have said to you. Pres. Snow spoke 53 minutes. I took dinner with Jos. Thurber, who was incarcerated in the penitentiary at the time I was serving my sentence there.

2 p.m. Meeting called to order by Pres. Seegmiller. Pres. J. F. Smith followed and spoke in complimentary terms of the new tabernacle. Spoke of the great change and improvement that had taken place in the Sevier Stake in the last 30 years. In speaking of the righteous and the wicked, showed how the former would be blessed and the latter, destroyed. Exhorted the saints to pay their tithing and be blessed. Read from Sec. 82, D.&C., and spoke powerfully. Endorsed the statement of Pres. Snow, wherein he said that the Lord will forgive us for our past neglect of tithing in the past, if we will pay our tithing in the future.

Apostle F. M. Lyman spoke powerfully upon the subject of tithing. Pres. Cannon spoke and said he hoped the people would receive the word of the Lord as delivered to us through Pres. Snow. Dwelt upon the principle of tithing and bore testimony that it was from God.

#### **Thursday, 20 July 1899**

Salt Lake City. 11 a.m. Regular weekly meeting of the First Presidency and Twelve. Present: First Presidency, Pres. F. D. Richards, Apostles F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, A. H. Lund, R. Clawson, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk.

A letter from Bp. Lunfrod [George Mumford], Beaver, was read. He wanted information respecting certain remarks on tith-

ing, made by Bp. Preston at the Solemn Assembly, wherein he stated that if a man pays tithing on 10 loads of hay, [and if] afterwards the hay he retains rises in value, he owes tithing on the increased valuation. After some discussion it was decided to answer his letter by saying that only one tenth would be required, and as to any increase in valuation and tithing thereon, it would be a matter for his own conscience to determine.

The clerk read a letter from Elder Geo. Parkinson, pres. of the Oneida Stake, in which he explained that immediately following the Solemn Assembly, the presidency of the Oneida Stake and high council were called together and by a rising vote agreed to accept the counsel of Pres. Snow in regard to the principle of tithing. Later the presidency of the stake, high council, and presiding authorities of the stake met and took the same action with uplifted hands. He looked, he said, for good results.

Apostle J. H. Smith reported his visit to the Emery Stake Conference. With reference to the change contemplated in the bishopric of the Orangeville Ward, said the people of the ward were called together, and when the matter was presented, one brother arose and suggested that Bp. [Jasper] Robertson be retained and he for one would sustain him better than he had done in the past. This seemed to be the mind of the meeting, and he was retained by a strong vote.

A letter from Bp. [John O.] Freckleton, Eureka, was read. He said that a certain brother in his ward was willing to act as janitor, if he could have credit for same on the books as labor tithing. It was moved and carried that it be not admitted as a precedent, but in all cases of this character the matter be referred to the president of the Church.

A letter from David R. Carr, Menan, Idaho, in relation to marriage was read. He was single, he said, and wanted the name of a widow to correspond with. The matter was referred to Apostle Lyman to answer.

Stake conferences: Pres. Snow, F. M. Lyman, and Geo. Teasdale to Utah Stake. Alluding to the matter of tithing Pres. Snow said, our financial salvation depends upon our success in getting the people to accept the counsel given in relation to tithing. Pres. Cannon said that was the reason he was anxious that Bp. Preston's remarks be properly explained that no intricate questions should

arise. Pres. Snow also felt, he said, that all questions leading to complications should be avoided.

Apostle R. Clawson reported that in his opinion a reorganization of the bishopric of the Willard Ward, Box Elder Stake, was needed. Abram Zundel, the present bishop, though a very good man with undoubted integrity, did not seem to be in possession of those peculiar qualifications that are found in a successful bishop. This was evidenced by his administration to date. In view of the statement made and, on the other hand, the general good character of Bp. Zundel, it was moved that he be released from the bishopric and ordained a patriarch. Carried.

It was moved and carried that Bp. [William H.] Maughan of Wellsville be asked to resign. This action was taken in view of the attitude of Bp. Maughan towards Moses Thatcher as against the presiding authorities of the Church. Benediction by Pres. F. D. Richards.

### **Monday, 24 July 1899**

Brigham City. Clear and hot. Pioneer Day was celebrated in Brigham in the grandest and most gorgeous manner ever witnessed in this city. Firing of cannon began at daylight. All the business houses and many private dwellings were elaborately decorated. Arches were built showing the conditions in 1847 and 1899. The parade was over a mile long. Indians, Indian scouts, pioneers, the handcarts, pony express, martial band, and two brass bands. All the trades and businesses were represented. There were an old log hut and a modern mansion, representing the old and the new Utah. There were floats of the Relief Society, floats of Young Ladies, floats of Young Men, and floats of Utah's best crop. While these paraded the streets, the sidewalks were filled with a mass of people that could not be numbered. The bands discoursed sweet music for the pleasure of the assembled crowds.

In the tabernacle not more than one-half of the throng could be seated. The program was an interesting one, consisting of music from the bands, singing by the choir and the Indians. The latter Bp. [Moroni] Ward had been invited to bring down from Washakie; there were about one hundred of them, some dressed in the old barbaric style, while some of them showed some degree of civilization. Bp. Ward was with them. The rest of the program

consisted of singing, reciting, and speech-making. It lasted for over two hours, but was so varied as to keep all interested and prevent all weariness.

In the afternoon, old and young, male and female, enjoyed themselves in all kinds of sports and games. There were prizes up for all successful competitors. The games closed with an Indian war dance.

Among those who spoke at the tabernacle was myself. While I gave to the pioneers of 1847 the honor of settling up this our state, being the first white people to pioneer this part of the country, I pointed to the Indians as being the real pioneers of America and proceeded to give a brief account of the travels of Lehi and his family from Jerusalem to the land of America. Lydia and myself made a call or two towards evening.

#### **Thursday, 27 July 1899**

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. 11 a.m. Meeting of the brethren at the temple. Present: the First Presidency, Pres. F. D. Richards, Apostles F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, R. Clawson, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk.

I reported my recent visit to the stake Sunday School conference of the Box Elder Stake, July 22 and 23. One of the most interesting features of the conference was the report of the Stake Supt. of Sunday Schools, L. A. Snow, to the effect that out of 425 officers and teachers in the Sunday Schools, all were observers of the Word of Wisdom. The Box Elder Stake, I remarked, was the first stake in Zion that was able to make this report.

In view of the charge of adultery brought by our enemies against Apostle H. J. Grant, and the possibility of the Presidency and Twelve being called in as witnesses, there was some discussion as to what attitude it would be best for the brethren to assume. It was finally decided that the matter be left to each one to answer according to the whisperings of the Spirit of the time.

The committee on church publications, Apostles J. H. Smith and M. F. Cowley, filed a written report, which was read. Upon motion it was received and laid on the table for future consideration.

Adjournment was then taken. Benediction by J. H. Smith.

**Monday, 31 July, to Saturday, 5 August 1899**

On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday I was busily engaged in moving my family from Brigham City to Salt Lake—that is to say, in packing and shipping our household goods. On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday we were busily engaged in receiving and placing said household goods in our new home in the 18th Ward, and it was a considerable of an undertaking.

**Thursday, 3 August 1899**

The following are the minutes of a meeting of the Presidency and Twelve held in the temple, Thursday, Aug. 3rd, 1899, at 11 a.m. Present: Pres. Snow, Pres. J. F. Smith, Apostles F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, A. H. Lund, and myself; and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Stake conference appointments: Cache, Pres. Snow, Pres. Richards, and F. M. Lyman; Summit, Apostles J. H. Smith and myself; Wayne, A. H. Lund.

A letter from Christine D. Young, divorced wife of Jno. W. Young, was read. She asked the Presidency to use their influence in getting J. W. Young to assist her in the support of herself and family. The clerk was instructed to send the letter to Brother J. W. Young.

A letter from S. R. Bennett [Bennion] and R. S. Collett of the Uintah Stake Presidency in relation to the reorganization of the Glines Ward was read. They suggested that Elder [John A.] Workman, now laboring in the Texas Mission, be selected for bishop of said ward, as he was the most suitable man for the place. It was moved and carried that Elder Workman be released to return home and that he be ordained bishop of the Glines Ward.

A letter from Geo. D. Pyper, Sec. Sunday School Union, was read by the clerk. He reported that the Sunday School board was contemplating the propriety of publishing some cards with the Lord's Prayer printed on them. A question, however, had arisen as to whether Joseph Smith's version or the Bible version should be adopted. The difference in the two versions, he said, was this. In the Bible version it says, "Lead us not into temptation" [Matthew 6:13]; in Joseph's version, "Suffer us not to be led into temptation." After some discussion, it was decided to leave the matter open until the First Presidency should all be present with the Twelve to take action. Benediction by Apostle A. H. Lund.

**Sunday, 6 August 1899**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy, threatening storm. 7 a.m. Took train for Coalville to attend the Summit Stake Conference. Met the following brethren on the train: Apostle J. H. Smith, his son Geo. A. Smith, and Andrew Jenson, Asst. Church Historian. We arrived at Coalville at 10:30 a.m. and went immediately to the tabernacle.

The Summit Stake Tabernacle is a fine brick building that has just been completed and dedicated, and will hold about 1200 people. The general style and finish are very substantial and attractive.

7 p.m. General priesthood meeting. Pres. [William W.] Cluff made brief remarks. Spoke in relation to continuing the stake academy. At the last priesthood meeting, he said, the brethren voted to continue the academy, but the action, he felt, was not quite definite enough. He would be willing, he said, to go ahead and arrange for the opening, if the brethren would be willing to have any shortage that might occur prorated among them. He further said that it was desirable that a committee be appointed to get up entertainments for the old folks every once or twice a year. It was the sense of the meeting that the committee be composed of 13 members, one from each ward.

Apostle J. H. Smith spoke briefly. Endorsed the idea of having entertainments for the old folks. Also spoke upon the necessity of parents looking more carefully after the virtue of their sons and daughters. Urged that the balance of the B. Y. Monument fund apportionment made to the Summit Stake be paid as soon as possible.

Andrew Jenson made some remarks urging the brethren to subscribe for the *Church Chronology*. I spoke briefly on the subjects of priesthood, union, and virtue.

I passed the night at Pres. Cluff's, occupying a bed with Andrew Jenson.

**Thursday, 10 August 1899**

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. 11 a.m. Meeting of the brethren at the temple. Present: Presidents Snow, Smith, and Richards, Apostles J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, A. H. Lund, R. Clawson, and Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk.

A letter from Jas. Reid, Manila, Uintah Co., was read. He said

that the saints in Manila would like to be organized into a ward. It was moved and carried that the matter be referred to Pres. [John M. Baxter] of Woodruff Stake with authority to act.

A letter from Wm. C. Parkinson and Wm. A. Hyde of the presidency of the Pocatello Stake was read. They had decided, they said, to organize a ward at Calvin and had selected H. J. Hunt, stake pres. Y.M.M.I.A., for bishop, and now submitted the matter to the brethren for their approval. It was moved and carried that Brother Hunt be released from the presidency of the Y.M.M.I.A. and be ordained bishop of Calvin Ward.

A letter from Geo. Osmond, pres. [of the] Star Valley Stake, inviting the Presidency and Apostles to visit Star Valley at the next quarterly conference, Aug. 13 and 14th, was read, and I was appointed to go there. Stake conference appointments: to Wasatch Stake, the First Presidency; to Cassia Stake, A. H. Lund.

Apostle H. J. Grant reported his labors in connection with the Utah Loan and Trust Co. matter and said that he had only been partly successful in collecting the necessary funds. Benediction by myself.

#### **Thursday, 17 August 1899**

11 a.m. Meeting of the brethren at the temple. Present: Pres. Snow, Pres. Richards, Apostles J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, A. H. Lund, H. J. Grant, R. Clawson, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk.

A question as to temple aprons was discussed and it seemed to be the mind of the brethren that the aprons should be uniform in design. Apostle Teasdale reported the visit of himself and A. H. Lund to the Wayne Stake Conference. Had enjoyed their visit. They had attended, he said, to the matter of reorganizing the bishopric of the Loa Ward. The brethren selected and ordained were Wm. H. Morrell, bishop, and Gabriel [Michael] Hansen, 1st counselor.

I reported the visit of myself and R[ulon]. S. Wells to the Star Valley Stake Conference, Aug. 13 and 14. Said certain changes were effected, as follows: Bishop [George] Waite of Afton Ward was released because of living some two miles out of town, and Elder Osborne Lowe was selected and ordained bishop of Afton in his stead. The Fairview Ward, which had been without a bishopric for over a year, was also reorganized with Franklin G. Tolman

as bishop, Christopher Merkley, 1st counselor, and Levi Richardson, 2nd counselor. I also reported that Elder Samuel Henderson, senior president of the 103rd quorum of seventies—aged 79—was released on account of infirmities and ordained a high priest.

Pres. Snow made brief remarks, saying that he did not know how long the Lord would justify us in retaining brethren in position, after they had become disqualified by age or from other causes. The matter, he said, ought to be fully discussed by the brethren. References were made by Apostles J. H. Smith, H. J. Grant, and myself to cases where the brethren were disqualified to act in presiding.

Singing. Benediction by Apostle H. J. Grant.

### **Sunday, 20 August 1899**

Soda Springs. Clear and windy. 10 a.m. Bannock Stake Conference meeting at bowery built for the purpose, Pres. Lewis S. Pond presiding.

Pres. Snow spoke to the children of the Sunday Schools, who were scattered through the congregation. Said that he had reached the age of 85, but many of the children present, he remarked, by doing right could live to be a hundred years old. Admonished them to honor their fathers and mothers that their days might be long in the land. Also spoke upon the subject of prayer.

At the close of the meeting an opportunity was given to the Sunday School children, and in fact to all present, to shake hands with President Snow. One thousand and ten availed themselves of the privilege.

2 p.m. Meeting called to order by Pres. Pond. Pres. Snow said that the Lord had shown him that the people of His Church must wake up and obey the law of tithing, or calamities would come upon them. Read the revelation on tithing and made some remarks upon it. "I say to you in the name of the Lord," he said, "if you will pay your tithing in full, the Lord will forgive you for your disobedience in the past."

After meeting, a party of us, namely, Pres. J. F. Smith, wife, and son, Bp. Preston, myself, Rudger [Jr.] and Lorry Snow drove out to the Hooper Spring. We enjoyed the water very much.



**Monday, 21 August 1899**

2 p.m. Attendance [at Bannock Stake Conference] large. Pres. Snow said in conclusion, "The Lord loves you. He has blessed you in the past and will bless you in the future, but He wants you to pay your tithing in full. This is the word of the Lord to you through me."

During the first day's meeting a strong wind was blowing, which made it dusty and disagreeable. Today it has been quite chilly. Nevertheless, we have had an excellent conference.

**Thursday, 24 August 1899**

Soda Springs. Clear and breezy. The day was passed quietly. The springs and points nearby were visited by various members of the party. Tomorrow we will leave for Paris, Bear Lake County, to attend quarterly conference there. During the day Brother [Ludwig] Shurke called upon Pres. Snow and made a request that he would christen a spring that he—Shurke—had recently discovered. At 8 p.m. Pres. Snow and party repaired to the spring, which is one of the best in Soda Springs, and by candle light Pres. Snow with a cup of the water in his hand christened it the "Woodruff" Spring.

**Saturday, 26 August 1899**

Paris, Idaho. Clear and mild. 10 a.m. Quarterly conference of the Bear Lake Stake, Pres. Wm. Budge presiding. The stake tabernacle in which the conference met is a large stone building (with tower) 100 ft. long by 80 ft. wide and will comfortably seat about 2000 people. The building inside is well and substantially finished. The seats for the presiding authorities are made comfortable and the choir is beautifully located in an alcove just above and back of the presidency of the stake. A spacious gallery runs around three sides of the room.

The speakers were Pres. Snow and Bp. Wm. B. Preston. Topics treated: General improvements made in the stake during the past 20 years. Dealings of the Lord with the children of Israel. Exaltation and glory. Tithing.

**Sunday, 27 August 1899**

Paris. Clear and mild. It may be truly said that this [was] one

of the most largely attended, and by far the most interesting, conference[s] ever held in the Bear Lake Stake of Zion. After the meeting the members of the party called in at Pres. Budge's and took supper with him and later paid a visit to Brother Stucki, where we had ice cream.

#### Thursday, 31 August 1899

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. 11 a.m. Meeting of the brethren at the temple. Present: The First Presidency, Apostles J. H. Smith, B. Young, M. W. Merrill, H. J. Grant, A. H. Lund, R. Clawson, and A. O. Woodruff.

Apostle B. Young reported his recent visit south. Held conference in Mexico on July 23 and 24; also held meeting in Dublan [Mexico].

A letter from Anthony Ivins in relation to the Dublan W[ar]d was read. He said that a reorganization of the Dublan Ward was almost a necessity, owing to the inability of the present bishopric to meet the requirements of the office. Winslow Farr, the bishop, had decided to resign, and in fact had done so, and Philip H. Hurst had been selected by the presidency of the stake and high council to succeed him, subject to the approval of the brethren. It was moved and carried that said action be sustained.

Stake conferences appointments: to Pocatello, Apostle M. W. Merrill; to San Pete, President Snow and party. Apostle A. O. Woodruff reported the recent visit of himself and Jos. W. McMurrin to the Woodruff Stake Conference. The conference was well attended, and the reports were favorable. They afterwards visited, he said, the Big Horn country, which was 150 miles long by 125 miles wide. At Burlington the people had built a good sized meeting house. They were visited by some elders from Colorado, who had organized a Sabbath School, a Young People's Association, and Relief Society. The people there had paid some tithing. Said that the Big Horn valley is a beautiful valley and very desirable for settlement. There were, he thought, about 400 people of our faith in the Big Horn. The following brethren, he said, were selected and ordain[ed] to the bishopric of the Burlington Ward: W. H. Packard, bishop; D. P. Woodruff, 1st counselor; Wm. Neves, 2nd counselor. Held ward conference at Fort Bridger, and also visited Lucerne Valley, and gave the

people there a branch organization. They also visited Vernal but finding the conference adjourned, or rather postponed, they left for home immediately.

Pres. Cannon expressed some views respecting the colonization of our people at distant points—500 or 600 miles—from headquarters (Salt Lake City). He was opposed to it in his feelings. He thought the policy not a wise one, as a rule. There are reasons, however, he thought, why we should colonize Canada and Mexico. It seemed to be the general feeling among the brethren that it would be a good thing to secure the Big Horn valley, so far as possible. Prayer by M. W. Merrill.

### **Sunday, 3 September 1899**

Mount Pleasant. Clear and warm. 9 a.m. Meeting of the Sunday School children [of San Pete Stake] at the pavilion.

Pres. Snow was the first speaker. Admonished the children to be kind and loving to their parents, and to listen to the counsel of their teachers, and if they would do this, he promised them that they would live long upon the earth.

Pres. Jos. F. Smith counseled the children to keep the Word of Wisdom. Also spoke upon the martyrdom of Joseph Smith, the Prophet. The children were then given an opportunity to shake hands with Pres. Snow, and there were 778 who did so.

Having been troubled continuously with the rheumatism in my foot since leaving home, I decided to return to Salt Lake on the 2 p.m. train. The balance of the party will return tomorrow (Monday).

### **Thursday, 7 September 1899**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 11 a.m. Meeting of the brethren at the temple. Present: the First Presidency, Apostles J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, A. H. Lund, A. O. Woodruff, and R. Clawson; and G. F. Gibbs, clerk.

Apostle Cowley reported by letter from Chicago his trip to the Northern States Mission. Had attended, he said, the following conferences: the Iowa and Nebraska. Had also met with the saints in the Chicago branch and held some meetings on the street corners. Paid a visit to Nauvoo and Carthage. Also visited North and South Dakota.

A letter from Apostle Lyman informed the brethren that he had attended the Panguitch Stake Conference, which was well attended. He spoke upon the law of tithing, he said, and enjoyed great freedom of speech.

A letter from John Baxter, Pres. of Woodruff Stake, was read. He reported that a branch had been organized at Manila with Willis Twitchell as Presiding Elder, and J. E. Reed and R. A. Nelson as counselors.

Pres. Chas. O. Card wrote, recommending David H. Caldwell for bishop of Caldwell Ward. The recommendation was approved by unanimous vote.

There being some doubt as to what stake the Blackfoot and Riverside Wards, Idaho, belonged to, the matter was referred to Apostle J. H. Smith to adjust. Prayer by B. Young.

#### **Saturday, 9 September 1899**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 2 p.m. Afternoon session of the Salt Lake Stake Conference at the assembly hall. Meeting called to order by Pres. Angus M. Cannon.

The speakers were Pres. Lorenzo Snow and Bp. Wm. B. Preston. Topics treated: Dealings of the Lord with the children of Israel. Marriage among the children of Israel. Consecration. Tithing. Among other things Pres. Snow said, "The land must be sanctified by the payment of tithing." The Latter-day Saints owe millions of dollars in tithing, which they never can pay. Promised the people in the name of the Lord, if they would pay their tithing from now on, that the Lord would forgive them for their past remissness, and their indebtedness for tithing would be blotted out. Submitted the following figures to show that there had been an improvement in the payment of cash tithes during the past few months: during the months of June, July, August, and Sept. 1899 [1898] \$66,000.00 was paid, and in the same months of 1899 to Sep. 10, \$137,000.00 was paid.

#### **Thursday, 14 September 1899**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 11 a.m. Meeting of the brethren at the temple. Present: Presidents Snow and Smith, Apostles J. H. Smith, H. J. Grant, Geo. Teasdale, A. H. Lund, R. Clawson, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Pres. Cannon afterwards came in.

Apostle J. H. Smith reported his visit to the Morgan Stake Conference. Said that he organized the bishopric of the Peterson Ward with the following brethren: Jos. B. Robbins, bishop, and Eli Frank Whittier, 1st counselor.

Speaking of the San Pete Stake, Pres. Snow said that he was surprised to learn that the saints there were very much behind in tithe-paying—not more than 25% was being paid by them. Apostle Lund remarked that the sheep men of San Pete—and there were many of them—feel cold toward the church and pay but little tithing. Pres. Cannon asked if that were not the case with most of the sheep men of the church. The brethren thought it was.

Apostle J. H. Smith made a verbal report of the B. Y. Monument Fund. Said that out of \$35,000.00 apportioned to the stakes about \$17,000.00 had been paid. The three largest stakes in the Church, namely, Salt Lake, Cache, and Weber were the most behind. The amount owing by these stakes, he said, was about \$10,000.00. The Presidency being anxious to have the money paid in as soon as possible, the stakes were divided off to the apostles as follows, and they were instructed to see that collections were made and the money paid into the Church without delay: A. H. Lund, Weber, Morgan, Tooele; M. F. Cowley, Pocatello, Bingham, Cassia, Bannock, and Bear Lake; J. W. Taylor, Canada; J. H. Smith, [blank]; Geo. Teasdale, Utah, Juab, San Pete, and Emery; H. J. Grant, Mexico, Arizona, San Luis, and San Juan; A. O. Woodruff, Uintah, Summit, Woodruff, Wasatch, and Star Valley; Rudger Clawson, Malad, Box Elder, and Oneida, and Cache; F. M. Lyman, St. George, Kanab, Beaver, Parowan, Panguitch, and Wayne.

### **Monday, 18 September 1899**

Brigham City. Clear and mild. Word came this morning that Patriarch Alvin Nichols had passed away, he having been afflicted with cancer. He was 80 years of age, was a pioneer resident of Brigham City and a faithful Latter-day Saint.

10 a.m. Left for Logan, arriving at 11:40 a.m. Called on Isaac Smith, counselor in the presidency of stake, to consult with him in reference to the B. Y. Monument Fund apportionment for the Cache Stake and to devise a plan for getting in collections. I found that he had sickness in the house, his 13-yr.-old girl being very ill.

We administered to her, he anointing and I confirming. We then had a little chat relative to the apportionment, and he suggested that it would be a good thing for me to come up and go through the stake, visiting each ward in company with himself and others. This I agreed to do, setting the time for next week.

After lunch I called at the temple to see Apostle Merrill but did not find him there. At 3 p.m. took train for Salt Lake, arriving at 6:45 p.m.

#### **Thursday, 21 September 1899**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 11 a.m. Meeting of the brethren in the temple. Present: Pres. Geo. Q. Cannon, Apostles B. Young, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, A. H. Lund, R. Clawson, and G. H. Gibbs, clerk. Stake conference appointments: Fremont, R. Clawson; Bingham, J. H. Smith; Sevier, Geo. Teasdale.

A letter from David K. Udall, president of St. Johns Stake, was read. He stated that Jos. Udall had been selected as successor to Geo. H. Crosby, bishop of Springerville [Eagar], who had moved away from the ward, subject to the approval of the brethren. It was moved and carried that the selection be ratified. Prayer by Apostle Geo. Teasdale.

12 noon. Special meeting at the President's office. Present: President Geo. Q. Cannon, Apostles B. Young, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, A. H. Lund, R. Clawson, F. S. Richards, and Geo. C. Lambert.

F. S. Richards, as a citizen of Salt Lake, represented that a certain Electric Light and Power Co., whose plant was situated near the head of the Jordan River, were appropriating and striving to secure water that rightly belonged to Salt Lake City and two or three canal companies who were drawing water from Utah Lake. He thought that some steps ought to be taken by the officers of these companies and the city council of Salt Lake to preserve their rights, but nothing was being done. He, therefore, felt that the brethren ought to interest themselves in the matter, which view was shared by those present. It was moved and carried that B. Young and J. H. Smith be appointed a committee to confer with the officers of the canal companies and a representative from the city council, and use an influence to get them to take such steps as will secure their rights in the premises. Adjourned.

**Tuesday, 26 September 1899**

Logan. I called upon Isaac Smith, with whom I had some conversation in relation to the B. Y. Monument Fund, and he informed me that a meeting of the brethren had been called for 2 p.m. and that nothing much could be done until that hour. In the meantime Elder Jos. W. McMurrin had come up from Salt Lake by my request to join me. We called at the temple to pay our respects to Apostle M. W. Merrill. He was pleased to see us, he said, and would be present at the meeting.

2 p.m. Meeting of the brethren at the high council chamber in the tithing office. Present: Apostle M. W. Merrill, myself, Presidents Jos. W. McMurrin and C. D. Fjeldsted, Elders I. Smith and S. Molen of the stake presidency, 8 high councillors, 16 bishops or counselors out of the 26 wards composing the stake. Meeting called to order by S. Molen.

Apostle Merrill invited me to state the object of the meeting. I then submitted a letter from the First Presidency, of which the following is a copy.

Salt Lake City,  
Sep. 22, [18]99

To the Stake Presidency, High Council,  
and Bishopric of Cache Stake of Zion

Dear brethren:

We are desirous that the means due from the Cache Stake to the Brigham Young Memorial Fund be paid in at the earliest possible moment. The matter is of such urgency that we have appointed Elder Rudger Clawson, who will be accompanied by Elder Jos. W. McMurrin, to visit your stake and confer with Elders Molen and Smith of the stake presidency, the high council, and the bishopric of the various wards as to what steps should be taken for the collection of the fund.

Trusting that they will be met by a prompt and generous response, we remain,

Your brethren,  
Lorenzo Snow,  
Signed Geo. Q. Cannon,  
Jos. F. Smith.

I made brief remarks upon the matter set forth in said letter. Explained that the authorities of the stake had been called together that we might consult with them and take such action as might seem best and wisest. At all events, I said, if anything were accomplished it would be by the united effort of the presiding authorities of the stake. Said that the amount apportioned to the Cache Stake was \$3500.00 of which \$408.28 had been paid, leaving \$3091.72 still due.

Elder Jos. W. McMurrin spoke briefly on the life and character of Brigham Young and showed clearly the importance of meeting this requirement at once. Apostle Merrill said that steps should be taken at once to get this means in and he would favor an apportionment of the same to the various wards. So far as he knew this never had been done.

It was moved and carried that an apportionment of \$3500 be made on the basis of the number of families in each ward, and that Apostle M. W. Merrill, associated with the stake presidency, be appointed a committee to make the apportionment. The committee notified the brethren that the apportionment would be made out immediately after the close of the meeting and they could get it at 4:30 p.m.

#### **Thursday, 28 September 1899**

Preston. Clear and warm. 10 a.m. Meeting at the Preston Ward Meeting House. Present: myself, Jos. W. McMurrin, stake presidency, members of the high council, and a large number of bishops and sounselors from the stake. Meeting called to order by Pres. [George C.] Parkinson.

I made remarks with reference to the object of the meeting, urging the necessity of collecting in the means due Brigham Young Monument Fund. I read a letter from the First Presidency, similar to the one read at Logan. Hoped the brethren would be united in whatever action should be taken.

Elder Jos. W. McMurrin made brief remarks on the same line. Pres. Parkinson spoke briefly, dwelling upon the life and character of Brigham Young and the great blessings that had come down to us through his administration. Explained the status of the fund in the Oneida Stake by saying that the apportionment was \$835.00, amount already paid \$234.95, amount due \$600.05. He then read



the apportionment as it was made to the wards and which was again accepted by unanimous vote, and the bishops expressed their intention of getting the means in at once.

**Friday, 29 September 1899**

Brigham City. Clear and mild. I had some talk with my partner, Homer Rich, who has control of a certain building on Main Street in his own right, which he has leased for saloon purposes. I showed him the evil that would grow out of taking such a step, that it would hurt his business and his influence in the community, not to say anything of the responsibility he was assuming. He seemed to feel his position keenly and said that he would do all that he could to break the lease and keep the man out. I attended to some matters of business.

**Saturday, 30 September 1899**

Brigham City. Clear and cool. I had some further talk with Homer, who said that he had been down to Ogden to see the party who held the lease, but could do nothing with him, much to his regret. It was then decided that we use an influence with the city council to get them to raise the license for selling liquor, hoping in this way to shut him out.

**Tuesday, 3 October 1899**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 10 a.m. Quarterly meeting of the Twelve at the temple. Present: Apostles F. M. Lyman, Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, M. W. Merrill, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, A. O. Woodruff, and R. Clawson. Meeting called to order by Apostle Lyman. Singing. Prayer by F. M. Lyman. Singing.

The speakers were F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, and H. J. Grant. Topics treated. F. M. L[yman]. Condition of Pres. Richards, who has gone to California for his health, [was] reported improving. Fellowship of the brethren. Financial condition of the brethren and the church. The disposition of people when they get into trouble to come to the church for relief. Tithing.

J. H. S[mith]. Condition of Pres. Richards' health. Obligations of the church. Tithing. Amusements among the saints. Humility.

G. T[eachdale]. Indebtedness of the people of Nephi to the merchants, namely, about \$250,000.00. Fashions of the world.

Tithing. Colonizing Mexico. Spoke of his own health as not being very good, owing, he thought, to the loss he had sustained in the death of his wife.

H. J. G[rant]. Demand for Church bonds, 103 being bid for them. Maintaining the credit of the church. Amusements. Dividing the Salt Lake Stake, said he favored it. Favored the discontinuation of the general conferences for a time or two to force better rates from the railroads for our people. It was decided to bring the matter to the attention of the Presidency at the Thursday meeting. Apostle Grant said that he owned the controlling interest in the Salt Lake Theatre, but owing to his circumstances financially, he would be obliged to sell. He mentioned the matter to the brethren, because in the event of having to sell he hoped the church would take it to keep the property in the hands of our people.

Singing. Benediction by Apostle J. H. Smith.

### Wednesday, 4 October 1899

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. Continuation of quarterly meeting of the Twelve at the temple, Apostle F. M. Lyman presiding. Present: Apostles F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, M. W. Merrill, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, A. O. Woodruff, and R. Clawson. Singing. Prayer by Geo. Teasdale. Singing.

The speakers were M. W. Merrill, A. H. Lund, and M. F. Cowley. Topics treated. M. W. M[errill]. Dividing of the Salt Lake Stake; was in favor of it. Tithing. Church indebtedness. B. Y. Memo[rial] Fund. The employment of doctors by our people.

A. H. L[und]. Faith. Word of Wisdom. Tithing. Church Schools. Salt Lake Theater; would prefer that the church do not buy it, as it is so difficult to control the character of performances given there, and the church would many times be exposed to adverse criticism. Hoped Brother Grant would see his way clear to hold the property.

M. F. C[owley]. His visit to the East. Visited 5 states and preached a number of times on the streets of Chicago. Was gone seven weeks and spoke thirty times. B. Y. Fund. Church indebtedness. Meeting adjourned until 2:30 p.m.

2:30 p.m. Meeting called to order by Apostle F. M. Lyman. Present: F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, M. W. Merrill,

A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, A. O. Woodruff, and R. Clawson. Singing. Prayer by H. J. Grant. Singing.

The speakers were Apostles A. O. Woodruff, R. Clawson, and J. H. Smith. Topics treated. A. O. W[oodruff]. Dividing the Salt Lake Stake; was in favor of it. Also favored the purchase of the Salt Lake Theater by the church. Colonizing the Big Horn country. Tithing.

R. C[lawson]. Brigham Young Memorial Fund. Dividing the Salt Lake Stake; was in favor of it. The purchase of the Salt Lake Theater by the church; rather than see the theatre go into the hands of the gentiles, would favor its purchase by the church, but would prefer that it be held by the brethren.

J. H. S[mith]. Amusements. Benediction by H. J. Grant.

#### **Thursday, 5 October 1899**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. Continuation of the quarterly meeting of the Twelve at the temple. Present: Apostles F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, M. W. Merrill, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, A. O. Woodruff, and R. Clawson. Singing. Prayer by M. W. Merrill. Singing. Brethren engaged in conversation until 11 a.m. when the First Presidency came in.

Apostle Lyman made brief remarks, explaining the principal points that had been discussed in our three days' meetings; namely, the dividing of the Salt Lake Stake, also the passing over one or two conferences to secure better R. R. rates for our people. Apostles H. J. Grant and M. W. Merrill were appointed a committee of two to look into the [latter] matter.

The question of dividing the Salt Lake Stake was discussed. It was moved and carried that the division be made and that Pres. Snow be authorized to appoint a committee to look into the matter and report. He appointed J. H. Smith and A. H. Lund as said committee. The question of buying the Salt Lake Theater for the church came up, but inasmuch as Apostle [Grant] said that he would endeavor to keep the property in the hands of our people, no action was taken.

The tables were then spread with bread and wine, and the Lord's Supper was partaken of, Pres. Cannon being mouth in asking the blessing. We had a very enjoyable time together. During the time we were at the table several topics were discussed. It was

decided that there were three subjects that ought to be treated in the general conference; namely, tithing, morality, and amusements.

Apostle H. J. Grant asked if there would be any objection to his joining the Alta Club of this city. There was a diversity of opinion among the brethren in relation to the matter; some were in favor of it and others felt opposed to it. Apostle Grant was instructed to do as he felt in the matter. He rather thought, he said, that he would not join.

Adjournment taken. Benediction by F. M. Lyman. The three days' meetings were adjourned until Jany. 9th, 1900. Benediction by A. H. Lund.

### **Saturday, 7 October 1899**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool.

7:30 p.m. General priesthood meeting in the tabernacle. Meeting called to order by Pres. Snow.

The speakers were Bp. W[illiam] B. Preston, Elder Andrew Jenson, Pres. Geo. Q. Cannon, and Pres. Lorenzo Snow. Topics treated. W. B. P[reston]. Tithing. Duty of the bishopric.

A. J[enson]. Record keeping in the wards and stakes. *Church Chronology*.

G. Q. C[annon]. Influence of the gospel in correcting the evils of the world. Responsibility connected with the bearing of the priesthood.

L. S[now]. Spoke of the great importance of the elders of Israel keeping their promises. They should not make any promise that they cannot fulfill. The word of the Trustee-in-Trust should be as the word of God. Circumstances have been such that the Trustee-in-Trust could not always keep his engagements. This should not be. It was his great desire and aim, he said, to see the church relieved of debt, and would do all he could to bring about this much-desired condition of affairs. Spoke interestingly upon the subject of indebtedness among the people, mortgages, &c.

### **Monday, 9 October 1899**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cool. 10 a.m. Meeting of the general authorities of the church. Meeting called to order by Pres. Lorenzo Snow.

The speakers were Pres. L. Snow, Apostles Geo. Teasdale, myself, F. M. Lyman, Pres. Geo. Q. Cannon, H. J. Grant, and Jos. F. Smith. Topics treated. Snow. Great responsibility resting upon the brethren assembled. Tithing. "Upon the presidencies of stakes and bishoprics of wards, I place the responsibilities of see[ing] that the counsels given at conference concerning tithing and other matters are carried out by the people."

Teasdale. Bore testimony to the truth of the teachings given at the conference.

Clawson. Great importance attached to the visiting of wards by the presidents of stakes, also by the bishops of wards visiting the various organizations under their control.

Lyman. B. Y. Monument Fund. Record keeping. Ordinations to the priesthood.

Pres. Snow. Second anointings<sup>2</sup> to be given to faithful brethren. It is not necessary, he said, to wait until they are ready to drop into their graves.

Cannon. Election matters. We should seek to repress contention. Division on party lines a good thing.

Grant. B. Y. Monument Fund. Supporting the *Deseret News*.

Pres. Snow. Spoke favorably of the *Deseret News*.

Cannon. The impropriety of reading newspapers that oppose the work of God.

Smith. Every man to be respected and honored in his priesthood and calling. Mutual Improvement missionaries.

#### Thursday, 12 October 1899

Salt Lake City. Snowing. 11 a.m. Meeting of the brethren at the temple. Present: the First Presidency, Apostles F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, H. J. Grant, A. H. Lund, A. O. Woodruff, R. Clawson, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Quarterly conference appointments: Utah Stake, F. M. Lyman; Juab, H. J. Grant; Emery, R. Clawson.

Pres. Snow suggested that it would be well for the brethren in visiting the conferences to counsel the people to keep out of debt—individually and in a church capacity. I [Rudger Clawson]

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<sup>2</sup>The second anointing, the highest ordinance of the LDS temple ritual, confers exaltation on recipients.

referred to a matter that was worthy, I thought, of some consideration; namely, the passing of aged brethren from the seventies quorums to the high priest quorums. The matter was discussed and, while it seemed to be the general feeling of the brethren that they should do so, no definite action was taken.

Apostle H. J. Grant suggested that it would be an excellent idea to organize a small bank (say with \$75,000.00 capital) to take the place and succeed the Utah Loan and Trust Co. at Ogden. The matter was taken under advisement by the First Presidency.

Apostle J. H. Smith thought immediate action should be taken (in conformity with the committee's report) looking to the printing of a cheap edition of the Book of Mormon to be sold in the Southern States Mission, as against the Josephite Book of Mormon now in circulation there. Pres. Snow said that the Presidency would act upon the matter at once. Prayer by Apostle A. O. Woodruff.

#### **Tuesday, 17 October 1899**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy. At 3 p.m. the church auditing committee met at the President's office to hear the report of R[obert] R. Anderson, who had been appointed to audit the books of the Salt Lake and Los Angeles R[ailwa]y Co. and the Saltair Beach Co. Pres. Snow was present, as also Apostles F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, H. J. Grant, and myself. The reports were quite voluminous but showed quite clearly that the business of those two companies had been grossly mismanaged, and it was apparent to all present that a change in the management was badly needed. During the six years the two companies have been in operation, the manager and secretary have received between them as a salary, some \$56,000.00, which is an enormous sum in comparison with the service they have given the companies.

#### **Thursday, 19 October 1899**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 11 a.m. Meeting of the brethren at the temple. Present: Pres. L. Snow, Pres. J. F. Smith, Apostles F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, A. O. Woodruff, and myself; also G. F. Gibbs, clerk.

A letter from Platte D. Lyman, president of the European

Mission, was read. He said that Elder H. L. James would leave for home in a few days having in charge the body of Elder [Samuel T.] Clark, who recently died in Cardiff, Wales. Said they had been compelled to release several elderly missionaries on account of physical disabilities. Reported that two elders in Germany had been disfellowshipped for transgression. Said that missionaries were needed in most of the European missions.

Pres. J. F. Smith stated that brethren going on missions who were over sixty years of age were instructed that, as the church did not require elders beyond that age to take missions, if they were released on account of sickness or physical disability, they would be obliged to bear their expenses home.

Apostle A. O. Woodruff said that more native elders were needed in the Swiss and German Missions. President Snow thought that the elders who go out to preach the gospel should have a special training (in a training school) for missionary work. Thought that perhaps arrangements could be made in our church schools for such training. The brethren, generally, endorsed the views of Pres. Snow.

Division of the Salt Lake Stake. The committee appointed on the division of the Salt Lake Stake reported. After some discussion it was moved by Apostle F. M. Lyman and seconded by Apostle Cowley that the Salt Lake Stake be divided into three stakes, to be divided as follows, to wit: The Salt Lake Stake to comprise all that district of country lying north of 10th South Street, Salt Lake City, to the north line of the Salt Lake Stake—including Hunter, Brighton, and North [Point] Wards (and Pleasant Green, if the people there desire it). The second stake to comprise all that district of country lying south of 10th South Street, Salt Lake City, and west of the State [Street] road to the south line of the Salt Lake Stake. The third stake to comprise all that district of country lying south of 10th South St., Salt Lake City, and east of the State Road to the south line of the Salt Lake Stake. Motion put and carried by unanimous vote. Moved and carried that the stake southeast of Salt Lake City be called the Granite Stake of Zion. Moved and carried that the stake lying southwest of Salt Lake City be called the Jordan Stake of Zion. Moved and carried that O. P. Miller be selected as president of the Jordan Stake, and Frank Y. Taylor, president of the Granite Stake.

Apostle J. H. Smith moved that Apostle M. F. Cowley be sent to visit the N. W. States Mission, as some matters in that mission needed attention. Carried.

I expressed the opinion that the recent excellent instructions and teachings given on the principle of tithing be followed up with some definite action, and suggested that the brethren in visiting the conferences should call the bishopric[s] of the wards together and give them some special instructions—especially in regard to visiting members of their wards who were slack in the payment of tithes or were non-tithepayers, and seek in [a] private way to convert them to the principle. The idea was approved by the brethren.

It was moved and carried that hereafter the church bear the expense of furnishing the missionaries with their blessings. They have been required to pay 50 cents for them.

Moved and carried that the Mutual Improvement Conferences be held at the time of the stake conferences—the evening to be used for that purpose. Prayer by Apostle M. F. Cowley.

### Wednesday, 25 October 1899

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 9 a.m. There was a meeting of Apostles F. M. Lyman, A. H. Lund, A. O. Woodruff, and myself at the [Improvement] Era Office to investigate the case of Leroy Campbell vs. Silas S. Smith, sent up on appeal from the high council of the San Luis Stake. Briefly stated the trouble was this: Leroy Campbell was in possession of some leased land, but the lease had run out. He intended, however, to re-lease the land and with that intention in view was still cultivating it. In the meantime, and without consulting Campbell, Silas S. Smith slipped over to the land office and leased the land for himself. The decision of the bishop's court, which was also confirmed by the high council, was rendered in favor of Leroy Campbell.

The following is a copy of our report to President L. Snow:

Salt Lake City,  
Oct. 24th, 1899.

Pres. Lorenzo Snow,  
Dear Brother:

After a careful reading and consideration of the papers in the case of Leroy Campbell vs. Silas S. Smith,



San Luis Stake, we find:

1st. That the case was sent up on appeal from the bishop's court to the high council, and from the high council to the First Presidency; 2nd. That the case was very wisely and properly handled both in the bishop's court and the high council; 3rd. That the decision of the bishop's court was sustained by the unanimous vote of the bishopric, and that the decision of the high council, sustaining the action of the lower court, was acquiesced in by every member of the high council.

We can see no reason why the decision of these two courts should be modified or reversed and would, therefore, recommend it to your favorable notice and approval.

Your brethren,  
F. M. Lyman,  
A. H. Lund,  
(Signed) A. O. Woodruff,  
Rudger Clawson.

#### Thursday, 26 October 1899

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 11 a.m. Meeting of the brethren at the temple. Present: Presidents Lorenzo Snow and Jos. F. Smith, and Apostles F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, A. O. Woodruff, R. Clawson, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk.

Apostle J. H. Smith reported that he had been to Ogden to visit Pres. F. D. Richards and said that he was very seriously ill, being afflicted with nervous prostration. His mind also, he said, seemed to be failing. Apostle A. O. Woodruff made a similar report.

The clerk read a report showing the status of polygamy in Utah, as follows, to wit:

The number of polygamists in 1890—	2450	[2451]
The number of deaths since then—	750	
The number removed from the U.S.	63	
The number divorced	95	908
Leaving a balance of	1542	[1543]
37%—died, left, or divorced.		

Apostle H. J. Grant said that he thought he could get managing control of the *Salt Lake Herald*, if it were thought advisable. As it is now, the paper is run on anti-Mormon principles, but might be used to favor the church. I moved that Apostle Grant be authorized to do what he could in the matter of securing control. Carried by unanimous vote.

A letter from Apostle B. Young, Jr., Chicago, was read. It was in relation to the matter of introducing coke from some of our church lands, into the Chicago market. Hadn't as yet succeeded, but hope to soon.

The question of a presidency for the Cache Stake was introduced by Pres. Snow, and he asked the brethren how they felt about it. Apostle Lyman suggested the name of Chas. W. Nibley. The brethren who followed, namely, Apostles J. H. Smith, H. J. Grant, M. F. Cowley, and Pres. J. F. Smith, all spoke highly of Elder Nibley. Apostle A. H. Lund was in favor of a man who would have some influence with the Moses Thatcher faction. He did not think C. W. Nibley would be altogether the most suitable, he being a Republican in politics. Pres. Snow proposed the name of Apostle M. W. Merrill. Seconded and carried by unanimous vote.

Apostle F. M. Lyman made an appeal for aid in behalf of Elder Nephi Pratt, who, he said, is in destitute circumstances, and Pres. Jos. F. Smith, in behalf of Elder Jno. T. Caine, suggesting that the latter be appointed stake tithing clerk of the Cache Stake, to succeed the present clerk, who purposes to resign. Action on these two cases was deferred for the present. Prayer by President Lorenzo Snow.

### **Monday, 20 November 1899**

Brigham City. Clear and cool. 10 a.m. Forenoon session of the 2nd day's quarterly conference of the Box Elder Stake, myself presiding. Present on the stand: Pres. Lorenzo Snow, Apostles J. H. Smith, A. H. Lund, Elder Frank Y. Taylor of Salt Lake, Counsels Chas. Kelly and Wm. L. Watkins, Thos. E. Williams, Young Mens' missionary from Arizona, and others. I called the meeting to order.

The speakers were myself, Coun. Wm. L. Watkins, and A. H. Lund. Topics treated. R. C[lawson]. In view of the reorganization of the stake presidency, I spoke of my labors in the Box Elder Stake

and said that the past 12 years had been the happiest period of my life. Referred to the high council, the bishopric of the wards, and stake presidencies as a body of brethren and sisters who were united in all their labors and were, therefore, accomplishing a good work. Said the stake presidency had been united as one man from the first.

W. L. W[atkins]. Bore a strong testimony concerning the work of the Lord.

A. H. L[und]. The perfect law of the Lord. The life of Abraham. Obedience. Spoke in complimentary terms of the beauty and convenience of our tabernacle.

It would be proper here to remark, that before the opening of the morning meeting Apostle J. H. Smith and myself had a talk with Pres. Snow in relation to the reorganization of the stake presidency, and decided on Elder Chas. Kelly for president and Lucius A. Snow and Oleen N. Stohl for counselors, providing they were acceptable to Brother Kelly as counselors (which they were). We also united upon the following brethren for bishops to fill certain vacancies; Michael Schow, Mantua; Thos. Yates, North Ward; Lorenzo Stohl, 3rd Ward, Brigham City; and Brigham Wright to succeed Bp. Jens Hansen, who desired to be released on account of the infirmities of age.

Meeting of the above-named brethren at Pres. Snow's home after the morning session of the conference. Pres. Snow stated the object of the meeting and asked the brethren, each one, if they were willing to accept the appointments. Each expressed his willingness to do so and would endeavor to magnify the same.

Bp. [Abraham] Zundel of Willard, who came in with the brethren, was asked to remain after the others were excused. Pres. Snow explained to Bp. Zundel that it was deemed advisable to make a change in the bishopric of the Willard Ward and felt that it would be for the best good of all concerned—for himself and for the people—if he would resign. He [Lorenzo Snow] said that affairs in Willard were not satisfactory. He did not wish to go into details, unless Bp. Zundel desired it. Had no desire to find fault, but would be content in the statement that he, Bp. Zundel, probably lacked some of those qualifications that were indispensable to a successful bishop.

Bp. Zundel seemed to feel that he was entitled to know the

exact cause for asking his resignation. Pres. Snow, thereupon, called upon me to make a statement. I complied by saying that the Willard Ward was not up to the standard of the other wards of the stake; that the tithing was not properly looked after; that, speaking of tithing, the presidency of the stake a year or two ago called Bp. Zundel and counselors together and stated clearly and strongly that the tithing was not properly cared for and demanded stricter attention to this matter, but no improvement had since been made; that the Willard Ward, the largest in the stake, paid less tithing than the Brigham City 4th Ward—a ward of widows and orphans; that Willard was always slack in meeting the apportionments made by the Presidency of the church and the presidency of the stake (which Bp. Zundel now admitted); that aside from the matters herein specified, many complaints concerning the bishop's neglect had come to the presidency of the stake from the people of the ward; that Bp. Zundel's counselors had threatened to resign because of the unsatisfactory condition of affairs. Brother Chas. Kelly endorsed my statement as being correct.

Bp. Zundel said he was willing to do anything Pres. Snow desired and, if his resignation was wanted, it would be forthcoming, but he was now taken by surprise and, therefore, asked a few days for consideration. Granted.

2 p.m. Continuation of conference. Meeting called to order by myself. Pres. Lorenzo Snow was the speaker of the afternoon. Topics treated. Spoke of the contemplated reorganization of the stake presidency and some of the bishopric[s] and said that it is a difficult matter to find men that are qualified and adapted for the positions to be filled.

The purpose of our coming into the world, he said, was to labor for the salvation of souls. All the inhabitants of the earth are our brethren and sisters, and we should labor in their interests. Spoke of the path to exaltation and glory, which, he said, is made plain to the Latter-day Saints. Referred to the judgments that are being poured out upon the nations of the earth. Said he was not alarmed at these things. Our business is to serve the Lord. All things we are called upon to suffer and pass through are intended for our good. Alluded to the driving of the saints from the States and showed how the saints had been blessed in it by coming to the mountains and building up a great church and a great common-

wealth. Spoke of the Manifesto and said the saints were enabled to receive it because of their experience. "Don't worry about the future. Do right today, and we will be sufficient for tomorrow." "Some people are worrying about an amendment to the Constitution. This should not be. Every persecution, every driving, has only advanced the saints. Do right today; don't worry about tomorrow."

I suppose you are anxious now, he said, to know who shall be president of the stake. Don't worry about it; you shall know in good time. Said the brethren called will be set apart to these positions. How long will they act? Forever, no, perhaps not. It depends on circumstances. They may be called to other positions; they may be released, possibly, for lack of qualification as the future may develop. Spoke of one of the presiding bishops of the church, who was successful in a small way, but when he came to be Presiding Bishop and had to deal with large concerns, he measurably failed. Referred to the case of a leading man in one of the southern stakes, who was called to preside over a stake because of certain qualifications the brethren thought they discovered in him, but after awhile there was trouble. He failed to visit among the people, to get acquainted with them. For this and other reasons he was asked to resign and it was right to do so.

A bishop of a ward should be interested in every man and woman in the ward. Some bishops want to do all the talking. They are not made bishops for that purpose. When he talks, he should be brief and to the point. He is a common judge in Israel. He should feel as great an interest in his ward as in his own family. Amen.

#### **Thursday, 23 November 1899**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 11 a.m. Meeting of the brethren at the temple. Present: the First Presidency, Apostles J. H. Smith, B. Young, Jr., H. J. Grant, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, R. Clawson, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Singing. Prayer by myself. Singing.

A letter from Saml. R. Thurman was read. Said that he was attorney for [Panguitch Stake] Pres. Jesse Crosby in the trial against him for adultery and felt that he was greatly wronged. Gave a synopsis of the trial, which seemed to bear out his statement fully. The report of Attorney Thurman was accepted by unanimous vote as a vindication of Pres. Crosby.

Letter submitted from the presidency of the Utah Stake. They called attention to the condition of the Lake View Ward. It is, they said, narrow and long—about 7 miles long—with a population of 250 souls at each end. The people were going to build a meeting house but could not agree on the location. The presidency of that stake recommended a separation and the organization of two wards. It was moved and carried that the ward be divided.

Apostle Cowley reported his visit to the N. W. States Mission. He said that the mission was in good condition, the pres. of the mission [Franklin S. Bramwell] being a spirited man. One elder reported 17 baptisms in 17 months, and another 20, during his labors. Had an interesting conference in Butte last Sunday.

Pres. G. Q. Cannon moved that the presidents of missions be instructed to withdraw elders from fields where no good results arose from their labors. Carried.

There was some discussion as to the policy of advising the brethren to promise to obey the law when brought before the court for unlawful cohabitation, as that question was being sprung on them. While the brethren were left to give such counsel as the Spirit might suggest, it was decided not to counsel them to say that they would not obey the law. Benediction by Pres. J. F. Smith.

The following is a copy of a letter addressed to S. A. Hunsaker, in answer to one he wrote to me:

Salt Lake City,  
Nov. 23rd, 1899

Simeon A. Hunsaker,  
Payson, Utah.

Dear Brother:

In answer to your letter of the 1st inst., would say that the reply you received from Pres. Woodruff, as quoted by yourself, would not in any sense justify you in taking another wife. You certainly did wrong in this matter. Why did you not seek counsel from the president of the stake, inasmuch as the answer of Pres. Woodruff was not and could not be considered a definite consent? By taking the course you did, you were certainly exposed to church action for your fellowship. However, that feature of the case is past, but under the circum-

stances I could not feel justified in giving you a recommend, as requested. If there was nothing else to be said, I could not very well go behind your residence in Canada. It seems to me that you should now apply to the authorities there for one, if you want it.

Your seeking to justify wrong by referring to other cases, about which you may be entirely mistaken, is not done, to my way of thinking, in the spirit of the gospel. If you will reflect upon the situation in a spirit of meekness and humility, you will be constrained to acknowledge that it was entirely wrong to step over the president of your stake and take another wife on the simple statement of President Woodruff "that anyone who wished to take a woman through the temple must have a license or marriage certificate." President Snow, or any of the apostles, would make the same statement today, but that would not authorize the saints to take plural wives.

For you to ask "what have I done to make me unworthy of a recommend" is, I think, easily answered. In conclusion, would say, I think you are wise in keeping out of the way, as our enemies have a strong case against you.

Your brother,  
[signed] Rudger Clawson.

**Sunday, 26 November 1899**

[Paris, Idaho.] 10 a.m. Continuation of quarterly conference [of the Bear Lake Stake], Pres. Wm. Budge presiding.

The speakers were: Pres. Wm. Budge, Bp. Geo. Romney of Salt Lake City, and Apostle J. H. Smith. Topics treated. W. B[udge]. Reported the condition of the Bear Lake Stake. As to difficulties in the stake, the high council has but little to do. The sins of the people are sins of omission rather than sins of commission. The organizations of the wards are doing a good work, but there is a slackness in the labors of the lesser priesthood. The acting teachers in many cases are not doing quite as well as they should do. More interest should be taken in the religion class work.

to the voice of Joseph Smith, the Prophet, many times. The gospel revealed for the salvation of man. The eternal nature of the everlasting covenant. Trials of life. Saints not led by any man but by the Lord.

J. H. S[mith]. Religion class movement. The providences of the Lord to His people. Proper education of our children. Little children who die in their infancy inherit eternal life through the blood of Christ. The gospel of Jesus Christ is the power of God unto salvation.

2 p.m. Meeting called to order by Pres. Wm. Budge. The speakers were myself and Apostle J. H. Smith. Topics treated. R. C[lawson]. The qualifications necessary to make a good bishop. Related an incident showing how a bishop had been led to resign through the influence of a faithless wife and another incident showing how a man had been converted to the truth by the faith and faithfulness of a good wife.

J. H. S[mith]. The greatness and extent of the work of the Lord. Prayer. The joy and happiness of that man who should succeed in bringing even one soul into the way of salvation. B. Y. Monument Fund. Said the Bear Lake Stake was somewhat behind in its apportionment and urged the bishops to get in the means as soon as possible and send them to Salt Lake. The lives and work of the pioneers.

#### **Thursday, 30 November 1899**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. Thanksgiving day. I spent the day quietly at home with the folks. At 8:45 p.m. Lydia and myself called in at mother's, and spent an hour with her in visiting.

#### **Friday, 1 December 1899**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 7 a.m. Took train for Brigham City, arriving at 9 a.m. During the forenoon attended to some matters pertaining to the mill and insurance business. Also called at the tithing office and paid in some tithing.

4 p.m. Meeting of the high council at the tithing office, Pres. Chas. Kelly presiding. The case of H. W. Harris vs. A. H. Snow, which by the consent of the high council and agreement of both parties was submitted to arbitration, came up for final action. Brother H. W. Harris stated in a letter to the council that he would



not abide the decision of the arbitration, which was to the effect that A. H. Snow pay him \$147.00, and asking for a rehearing.

Pres. Kelly asked for an expression of the brethren, most of whom took the view that the council should ratify the decision. This was also the view of Pres. Kelly, who explained that the First Presidency had recommended that the matter be settled by arbitration. The council then voted unanimously to sustain the decision of the arbitration.

I made a few remarks. Topics treated: Pleasant relations in the past with the council. The [Brigham H.] Roberts Case. Said I believed the hand of the Lord was in it, and whether or not he obtained his seat in Congress, felt that the gospel was being preached by and through the prominence given to him.

#### **Saturday, 2 December 1899**

Pocatello, Idaho. Bright and beautiful morning. 10 a.m. Opening meeting of the [Pocatello Stake] Conference in the ward house, Pres. Wm. Parkinson presiding.

The speakers were: Apostle M. F. Cowley, myself, and J. G. Kimball.

M. F. C[owley]. Sacrifice. The spirit of prophecy. Martyrdom of Jos. Smith, the Prophet.

R. C[lawson]. Progress. Religion class work.

J. G. K[imball]. Salvation. Evil of riches. Faith without works is dead.

2 p.m. Continuation of the conference, Pres. Wm. Parkinson presiding. The speakers were: David Clark, returned missionary and Elder J. G. Kimball.

D. C[lark]. Missionary experience in England. Apostasy in the early days of Christianity. Sects of today without the keys of life and salvation.

J. G. K[imball]. Read from the Doctrine and Covenants with reference to the value of souls in the sight of the Lord. Missionary labor. Whisperings of the Spirit. The influence of money on elders. Healing of the sick.

Apostle Cowley, Pres. Parkinson, Wm. A. Hyde, and myself took supper at Sister Orum's. I spent the night at Sister Orum and slept with Apostle M. F. Cowley. The night was cold, but we had a very comfortable bed.

**Monday, 4 December 1899**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. Remained home until after dinner and spent the afternoon at the President's office, getting out a report of the Box Elder Stake Fund, a fund which I have managed for a number of years as president of the Box Elder Stake. I now feel it my duty to turn it over to Brother Chas. Kelly, my successor in office. A good opportunity for investing a little money in sheep with my brother-in-law, Samuel G. Spencer, having presented itself, I borrowed \$267.50 from the Box Elder Stake Fund under the approval of Chas. Kelly, president of the stake, giving my note for 3 years at 5% per annum, being the same rate of interest as the bank is paying.

**Thursday, 7 December 1899**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 11 a.m. Meeting of the brethren at the temple. Present: the First Presidency, Apostles B. Young, Jr., F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, M. W. Merrill, J. W. Taylor, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, myself, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Apostle H. J. Grant was mouth in prayer, and M. W. Merrill was mouth in the [prayer] circle, this being the second time the brethren clothed [in temple robes] since I came into the quorum. Song.

A letter from Elder E[phraim]. H. Nye of the California Mission was read. He said that there were a splendid lot of Indians on the Yuma reservation, and if they would register, their tribal relations would be severed and they could then enter land in their own right. Should this be done, they could then be reached, he thought, by the gospel. It was moved and carried that Brother Nye should be instructed to meet Elder [Henry] Rogers, who is laboring somewhere near the reservation, and they two should investigate the matter.

The recommendation of Pres. L. W. Shurtliff of the Weber Stake that Elder E. T. Woolley be appointed bishop of the 4th Ward, Ogden, and Jas. A. Slater, bishop of Slaterville, was approved by unanimous vote. Pres. F. A. Hammond of the San Juan Stake sent in a request that Elder J. G. Kimball, who had just been touring his stake, be sent to the Moab Ward to preach against certain evils existing there. In view of the fact that it was a long journey to make and that Elder Kimball had just returned from

that part of the country, [it was decided] that Pres. Hammond and his counselors be instructed to take up that labor and do what they could as the presidency of the stake.

Elder Platte D. Lyman, president of the European Mission, reported to the council that the certificates of E[rastus] F. Ronnow and J[ohn] Borlace [were] called in and they were cut off from the church—the first for whoredom and the second for un-christian-like conduct.

Stake conferences: St. George, H. J. Grant; Morgan, M. F. Cowley and A. H. Lund. Elder D. K. Udall, pres. of the St. Johns Stake, reported that there was quite a disposition manifested among the saints of his stake to move away, and as the quarterly conference would be held Dec. 11 and 12, he asked that some of the brethren be sent to visit them. The clerk was instructed to write him that a special conference would be called for the St. Johns Stake in the near future.

I reported that since my visit to the Cache Stake early in Oct. that stake had paid in to the B. Y. Monument Fund \$798.92, which added to \$408.28 already paid made a total of \$1207.20, leaving a balance of \$1946.17 still due; and the Oneida Stake had paid in \$467.45, leaving \$93.20 still due.

Pres. Snow made some remarks in relation to a certain petition now in circulation among the seventies and elders who had labored under the late Pres. John Morgan to build a monument to his memory. The general sentiment of the meeting was opposed to such things. I moved that it be the sense of the council that they were opposed to the policy of circulating petitions among the saints for the purpose of raising means to build monuments to the dead. The motion was carried by unanimous vote. Benediction by Pres. J. F. Smith. In the evening Lydia and myself went to the theater.

### **Friday, 8 December 1899**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool; snowed during the night. At 7 a.m. left for Brigham City accompanied by Lydia and two or three of the children, arriving at 9 a.m. We spent the morning at Brother Kelly's, taking dinner with him. In the afternoon attended to some matters of business.

In the evening we called in at Brother Anderson's, where we

expected to spend the night. After we had been there about an hour, a whole lot of Brigham's best people came streaming in at the door, and we then discovered for the first time that we were the victims of a surprise and a very pleasant one it proved to be. There were about 60 in the company headed by Brother Chas. Kelly and his counselors. The evening was spent in chatting, picnicking, and various exercises. The company separated at midnight, after a most delightful evening.

### **Saturday, 9 December 1899**

Brigham City. Clear and cool, with snow during the night. Upon taking up the morning paper, I read a notice of the death of President Franklin D. Richards, president of the Twelve Apostles. He died at 12 o'clock last night. He was a great and good man and will be deeply mourned by Israel.

### **Sunday, 10 December 1899**

Brigham City. Cloudy and cold. 9 a.m. I took train for Beaver Ward to attend the dedication of the new meeting house, arriving at 10 a.m. Apostle J. H. Smith, the presidency of the Box Elder Stake, Pat[riarch] Wm. L. Watkins, Bp. Jas. Nelson of Three Mile Creek, Elder O. N. Stohl, and Bp. Lorenzo N. Stohl of the Brigham City 3rd Ward also went up to the dedication. The train by special request was stopped opposite the ward three miles north of Collinston and about one mile from the meeting house. We were driven in carriages from the railroad to the new house.

The new meeting house is constructed of stone with cut-stone lintels and windowsills and cut-stone arch over the main front entrance. It is a two-story building with an upper room for worship and a basement for amusements and ward organization meetings. The dimensions of the upper room are 56 x 26 ft., and the lower room a little smaller. The workmanship on the house both inside and out is first class in every particular, while the painting is very attractive, being finished in oak-varnished. The stand is neat and attractive, and ample provisions are made for the choir. The floor of the assembly room is built on a pitch, and the seats are made quite comfortable. The new house, which has cost in the aggregate \$5784.00, is a great achievement and reflects credit upon the saints of the Beaver Ward. The work was begun and finished in a period

of 1 yr., 8 months, and 1 day, and when it is remembered that the church population of Beaver is 30 families—or about 150 souls—too much cannot be said in praise of the enterprise.

Meeting was called to order by Bp. Francillo Durfey. F. D[urfey]. Gave a brief account of the manner in which the building of the new house was inaugurated. Said that Pres. Clawson made the suggestion in the fall of 1897 and gave counsel for the erection of the same by saying that the time had come for its accomplishment. Reported that the people had responded liberally to the calls made upon them and had been united in the work.

J. H. S[mith]. Spoke many good words for the new house. Was pleased to see that provision had been made for amusements (namely, a basement) and dwelt at length upon the subject of amusements. Spoke of the death of Pres. F. D. Richards and Emily Partridge Young. I explained that the absence of Pres. Snow (for he had made arrangements to come) was due to the death of Pres. F. D. Richards and also to a severe cold which had settled in one of his eyes.

1:30 p.m. Meeting called to order by Bp. Durfey. Dedicatory prayer by myself. The speakers were Elder Jacob Jensen, myself, and Apostle J. H. Smith. Topics treated. J. J[ensen]. The new house should be kept clean and pure—free from liquor and profanity.

R. C[lawson]. Expressed pleasure in what he had seen. Was well satisfied with the style and finish of the house and was greatly pleased with the reports submitted. Spoke of the interest taken by the stake presidency in the work from the start.

J. H. S[mith]. “By their fruits ye shall know them” [cf. Matthew 7:16]. Respect for the priesthood. The nobility of labor.

#### DEDICATORY PRAYER

Offered in the dedication of the new meeting house erected  
by the saints of the Beaver Ward, Box Elder Stake of Zion,

By Apostle Rudger Clawson.

Reported by Henry Seiger of Brigham City.

All-wise and Holy Father, we Thy children, have  
come into this house to worship before Thee and to call  
upon Thy Holy name in prayer and supplication.

We do humbly thank Thee for all Thy blessings and  
mercies so abundantly bestowed upon us. We thank

Thee for the ward organizations of Thy church in this part of Thy vineyard. We thank Thee for the authority of the holy priesthood, for Thy servants, the bishopric of this ward, for the acting teachers, and for all who bear the holy priesthood; for the high priests, the seventies, the elders, and members of the lesser priesthood, and for the organizations of Thy church which have been established in this ward. We thank Thee for that degree of faith and oneness that prevails in the hearts of this people. We thank Thee, Holy Father, that when Thy servants, the presidency of this stake of Zion, came into this ward and counseled the people, few in numbers and limited in the things of the world, to go to and erect a house unto Thy holy name for worship, for instruction, and for amusement, that Thy saints might come together with an eye single to Thy glory and call upon Thee in faith with pure desires, and that they might approach Thee even in their amusements—in the dance, in the dramatic performance, and in the entertainment—in all the meetings of the various organizations of the ward and priesthood, they accepted the counsel and went to with their might, trusting in the Lord, to accomplish this work.

And we perceive, Holy Father, that Thou hast abundantly blessed, prospered, and multiplied them in all their labors, until they have succeeded in completing this house in every detail—in the painting, in the plastering, in the woodwork, in putting in a stand for the priesthood, in providing a place for the choir, and in the seating; and that Thy saints in this ward have been united in all these things and have striven to accomplish this work in the best possible manner.

Now, Holy Father, inasmuch as Thy people have assembled here to call upon Thy name and to present this house before Thee for Thine acceptance, we do now most humbly dedicate this house to the name of the Lord for the worship of Thy people, that they may assemble here from time to time to receive instruction and counsel and to bear testimony to each other of Thy

goodness, that they may come into this house in the spirit of recreation and amusement from time to time as wisdom shall suggest and approve. We beseech Thee, Holy Father, in the name of Jesus, to accept of this house at the hands of Thy people of the Beaver Ward, and grant that Thy blessings may be upon it. Let Thy blessings be upon the foundation stones that they may rest securely in their places, and support the main walls of this building. Bless every piece of material that has been used in the construction of the floors, window frames, and windows, the speaker's stand, the choir stand, and the seats that have been provided in this house, the doors and hardware that have been used and the roof that covers this house, together with all that pertains to it, both in the interior and exterior.

Grant that Thy peace and blessings may be upon it, that Thy spirit, Holy Father, may ever be present and have a dwelling place in this house when Thy saints assemble from time to time to worship before Thee, that they may feel the same good spirit and influence that prevail on this occasion—even the spirit of revelation, of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of knowledge and instruction. Grant that this spirit may rest upon Thy servants who preside in this ward, upon the bishopric, that they may be filled with the spirit of their calling, that they may be wise and prudent in all their administration of the affairs of this ward; that they may raise a voice of warning in times of evil and danger, and may bless, comfort, and instruct the people upon all occasions. Grant that the spirit of light and understanding may also rest down upon the teachers of the ward, and upon all who bear authority and priesthood among this people, that they may magnify the same in their daily walk and conversation. Let Thy spirit rest upon the presidents of quorums who dwell in this ward, upon the presidencies of organizations—the Sabbath School, Relief Society, Young Men's and Young Ladies' Associations, the Primary and Religion Class, and all the organizations that make up and constitute this ward. May Thy

spirit be continually poured out upon them in all their labors and in all their deliberations. Wilt Thou grant that those who preside in this ward may walk by the counsel of those who preside over them—even the presidency of the stake and the general authorities of the church, that they may be in touch with the living oracles and receive light and counsel to impart unto Thy saints who dwell here.

Now, we humbly beseech Thee to hear us in these our feeble utterances, and answer the prayer of Thy servant who is mouth in this dedication, upon the heads of this people. Holy Father, wilt Thou bless abundantly all those who have engaged in this great labor, those who have given of their substance to erect this house unto Thy name, wilt Thou multiply and bless them all the day long, and may they feel no loss in their contributions, but may their means be increased unto them. May the spirit of wisdom and understanding grow and increase in their hearts from this very hour, and may they rejoice greatly in all the labors of life. Wilt Thou accept of this dedication, and let Thy Holy Spirit be in our midst, and may it rest down upon us this afternoon while we further wait before Thee, in the testimonies and admonitions that may be given.

And the honor, and glory, and power shall be given unto Thee, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

### **Tuesday, 12 December 1899**

Salt Lake City. Cool and snowing. At 12 noon took the D. and R. G. [Denver and Rio Grande] train for Ogden to attend the funeral of Pres. Franklin D. Richards, arriving at 1 o'clock. A large number of visitors came up from Salt Lake on the same train.

The services began at 1:30 p.m. at the Ogden Tabernacle, which was crowded to suffocation. There were present on the stand: Presidents Lorenzo Snow, Geo. Q. Cannon, Jos. F. Smith, and Apostles B. Young, Jr., F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, J. W. Taylor, A. H. Lund, H. J. Grant, M. F. Cowley, and myself, the stake presidency, Bp. Robt. McQuarrie of Ogden 2nd Ward, Bp. Wm. B. Preston, Elders S[eymour] B. Young, R[ulon]



S. Wells, Jos. W. McMurrin, Geo. Reynolds, Pres. Angus M. Cannon of the Salt Lake Stake, and Counselors Jos. E. Taylor, Chas. W. Penrose, Bp. O[rson]. F. Whitney, Pres. Wm. Budge, and others. The meeting was called to order by Bp. Robt. McQuarrie.

The speakers were Pres. L. W. Shurtliff, Bp. Robt. McQuarrie, Elder D. H. Peery, Apostle B. Young, Jr., Presidents Lorenzo Snow, Geo. Cannon, and Jos. F. Smith. Topics treated. L. W. S[hurtliff]. Said he felt that all Israel will mourn the death of the noble Apostle. He will be missed in the Weber Stake of Zion, where he has lived so many years.

Bp. McQuarrie. Could hardly realize what had happened. The longer he had known him, the more he loved him. He was a man of fine example—full of love and kindness to all associated with him. Related an incident showing the esteem in which he was held by the people of Great Britain.

D. H. P[eeery]. Had known a large number of great men, but he placed Pres. Franklin D. Richards at the top. Said he was a great worker. There was no man, he said, but could speak a good word for Franklin D. Richards. Felt that Weber County was greatly in advance of what it would have been had he not lived here. Invoked the blessings of God upon his family.

B. Y[oung], Jr. Felt, he said, as he did at the death of his father—he had been so intimately associated with Pres. Richards. He was a good man, a great man, a bold man, a father, and a friend. Felt to mourn with his family in the loss sustained, but rejoiced with the people in the great work of his life. Felt thankful that he had been associated with Franklin D. Richards. Congratulated the people of the Weber Stake in having had him to live in their midst.

L. S[now]. Said his acquaintance with Franklin D. Richards had been very intimate. Over 50 years ago Pres. Richards and himself, he said, were ordained to the apostleship. There were 4 vacancies in the quorum at the time, and they were filled by Elders C. C. Rich, Lorenzo Snow, Erastus Snow, and Franklin D. Richards. Pres. Richards had out-lived four presidents of the church, and his life was filled up with good works. All that the breth[ren] have said concerning him is true. All that needs to be said about him, perhaps, is this: did he accomplish the work given him to do before he came into the world? The speaker doubted not, he said, that those who knew him would feel that he had accomplished that

work. He has returned to the spirit world covered with eternal and everlasting glory. His family have before them the example of a great and good man. Invoked the blessings of the Lord upon the family of Pres. F. D. Richards. The people of the world, who are disposed to persecute us, did they know us as the Lord knows us, and as we know ourselves, would know that we are their best friends. Related an incident that occurred in the days of the [Mormon] reformation when some thought that the priesthood should be taken from a great many men in the church. Brother Franklin D. Richards and himself went to Pres. Young and tendered to him their priesthood, if he felt they had not magnified it. Pres. Young replied: "Brother Lorenzo and Franklin, you have magnified your priesthood to the satisfaction of the Lord. God bless you."

G. Q. C[annon]. Said he was ordained an apostle after Brother Franklin D. Richards—some years later—and was afterwards called into the First Presidency, which made his relationship with the deceased, peculiar. He did not remember, he said, an instance where Brother Franklin did not show respect for his position and calling. Never heard him indulge in criticism of his brethren; never heard him find fault with his associates. It was a lovely feature of his character. Never saw him out of temper. He was very urban[e] and kind in manner. Though not an aggressive man, if his priesthood was attacked, he could assert himself with great vigor. Brother Franklin D. Richards will share in the glory and authority of the Celestial Kingdom.

J. F. S[mith]. To say that the Lord loved Pres. F. D. Richards would be but to speak what you all know. Did not see how it could be possible for any man who knew him not to love him. Had always received the greatest consideration at his hands. No man had so won his confidence as Brother Richards; no man was truer to the Prophet Joseph than he. Had been blessed by the example of Pres. Richards, who, while passing under the rod, humbly submitted to the providences of the Lord. No matter what difficulties he had to meet, he was for Zion and the building up of Zion. Invoked the blessings of the Lord upon his family.

A large number of carriages followed the casket to the grave, which was dedicated by Apostle Geo. Teasdale.

**Thursday, 14 December 1899**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cold. 11 a.m. Meeting of the brethren at the temple. Present: the First Presidency, Apostles B. Young, F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, Jno. W. Taylor, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, R. Clawson, Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk.

A letter was read from the family of the late Franklin D. Richards, expressing thanks and appreciation for the sympathy and good words spoken at the funeral services. The letter was received by unanimous vote, and the clerk was instructed to enter it upon the minutes of the council meeting.

The brethren robed, Apostle Teasdale being mouth in prayer and Pres. Jos. F. Smith, mouth in the circle. After disrobing, the brethren sang "Zion stands with hills surrounded."

Stake conference appointments: Parowan, Apostle H. J. Grant; Davis, Pres. Jos. F. Smith and Geo. Teasdale; Malad, Apostles F. M. Lyman and R. Clawson; Beaver, Apostle J. H. Smith. Apostle J. H. Smith, being one of the committee, made remarks on the division of the Salt Lake Stake. Said there was some difference of opinion among the people as to the dividing lines first suggested, namely, 10th South and State St[reet]s. These lines, he said, would split up and divide a number of wards. President Snow said that it would be the duty of the committee to gather up all the information they could get respecting the matter and report to the council. President Cannon thought that wards ought not to be split up any more than possible.

The clerk stated that in the month of April, Brother R[ulon] S. Wells had by permission of the Presidency engaged in the life insurance business, having become manager for Utah of the New York Mutual Life Insurance Co. And now the question is asked if the council would approve of Elders J. G. Kimball and Jos. W. McMurrin acting as life insurance canvassers at times when not engaged in other duties. Pres. Snow doubted the policy, he said, of their acting as such canvassers.

Apostle H. J. Grant favored the organization of a home life insurance co. with the church to have the controlling interest, in view of the fact that some \$500,000.00 is being sent out of the state annually for life insurance—and this money, he thought, should be kept at home. Apostle R. Clawson favored the views of Apostle Grant. Pres. Snow thought it a matter worthy of consideration.

Pres. Cannon thought the idea good but was a little afraid that if the church took a hold of the matter, it would arouse the hatred of our enemies, and this view was shared by Pres. Jos. F. Smith. It was moved by Apostle Grant and seconded by Apostle R. Clawson that a committee be appointed by the President to investigate the matter and report to the council. Carried. The President appointed, as said committee, Jos. F. Smith, F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, and A. H. Lund.

Apostle R. Clawson said there was a matter he desired to bring to the attention of the brethren, namely, that in many of the wards of Zion the records are found to be in a very imperfect condition, and in some wards there were practically no records kept at all. Had thought of a plan, he said, which if adopted by the presidents of stakes, would effect a decided improvement. The plan would be to have in every ward of the church sometime during the year a "record day," i.e., a day appointed (preferably the Sabbath day) when the presidency of the stake would visit the ward and spend the forenoon in inspecting the records—first, the records of the ward proper, then the records of each organization and of each quorum of the priesthood, a portion of the afternoon meeting being devoted to the subject of record keeping. It was moved by Apostle J. H. Smith and carried that Apostles F. M. Lyman and R. Clawson, and Andrew Jenson, be appointed and authorized to look into the propriety of instituting some such plan in the church and report to the council. Benediction by R. Clawson.

8 p.m. Lydia and myself went down town and had an oyster supper, and on our way stopped in at some of the stores to inspect Christmas goods.

### **Sunday, 17 December 1899**

Fielding. Cloudy and cold; the ground covered with about 1 1/2 in. of snow. 11 a.m. Quarterly conference of the Malad Stake. Meeting called to order by Pres. O. C. Hoskins.

The speakers were Pres. O. C. Hoskins and R. S. Wells. Topics treated. O. C. H[oskins]. Reported the condition of the stake. No difficulties in the bishop's courts or high council. Teachers slack in their duties. Presidency of the stake and presidents of associations recently visited all the wards and filled up vacancies where necessary.

R. S. W[ells]. Daily progress. Faith without works is dead. Seek first the kingdom of God and its righteousness. Testified that Joseph Smith was a prophet of God.

2 p.m. Afternoon session of the conference. Meeting called to order by Pres. Hoskins. The speakers were myself and Apostle F. M. Lyman. Topics treated. R. C[lawson]. Absence of some of the high councillors, and the bishopric of some of the wards. The absence of the entire people of three wards out of eleven. Importance of bishops getting strong men for counselors and acting teachers—men who will sustain them in the priesthood. The priesthood to control amusements in our wards. Union. New meeting house at Beaver.

F. M. L[yman]. The obligation resting upon the authorities of a stake to attend quarterly conferences and other important meetings. High council decisions, although formulated by the presidency of the stake, only become decisions by the action of the high council. The weekly meeting of the First Presidency and Twelve held for the purpose of counseling in the affairs of Zion—the most important business of the church considered in those meetings. The Presidency and Apostles [are] the living oracles of the church; the presidency of the stake, the living oracles of the stake; the bishopric of the ward, the living oracles of the ward. Moses Thatcher was successful in financial affairs but failed in matters pertaining to things of the kingdom. He failed to meet with his brethren and keep in touch with them.

#### **Thursday, 21 December 1899**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cold. 11 a.m. Meeting of the brethren at the temple. Present: the First Presidency, Apostles B. Young, Jr., F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, H. J. Grant, J. W. Taylor, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, R. Clawson, A. O. Woodruff, G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "Redeemer of Israel." The brethren robed, and Apostle Lyman was mouth in prayer, and Pres. Geo. Q. Cannon mouth in the circle.

A letter from Elders Platte D. Lyman and Jas. L. McMurrin of the European Mission was read. They reported that some 5 or 6 elders were laboring in Bristol, but found difficulty in securing a house in which to hold regular service. The elders were, therefore, somewhat discouraged. An opportunity now offers to purchase a

chapel situated in a respectable part of the city. It cannot be leased or rented, they said, but can be purchased for £300 or \$1500.00. The proposition is this: that the church make the purchase and the saints pay £25 a year until the church is reimbursed. They also reported that with the last company of Elders going to Europe there was a young man by the name of Harold Eldredge, an elder, who behaved in a scandalous manner, drinking, smoking, and boasting of his lewd conduct in New York City. An effort is being made, they said, to secure the return of his license.

Pres. J. F. Smith stated that a letter had already been sent to Elder Platte D. Lyman, instructing him to take up the young man's license. It was moved and carried that the action of Pres. Lyman be approved and that he be instructed to take steps to have the young man cut off from the church, if the evidence warrants it. There was some discussion on the proposition to purchase the Bristol chapel. It was moved and carried that further information be obtained in relation to the matter before final action.

A letter from Pres. [Franklin S.] Bramwell of the Montana Mission was read. He acknowledged receipt of a letter from the First Presidency, instructing him to move elders from fields where no good was being accomplished. In answer, said that elders had been moved from two conferences. The mission would be improved, he said, if a better class of elders intellectually were sent there. A higher percent of baptisms was reached last year than ever before in the Montana Mission. Said he expected to organize a branch of the church in Portland, Oregon, next week.

Stake conferences: Fremont, Apostle J. H. Smith; Bingham, H. J. Grant. It was moved and carried that the Manitoba Mission be changed from the jurisdiction of Pres. Bramwell to that of Pres. [Louis A.] Kelsch of the Northern States Mission. It was moved and carried that Elder Geo. H. Islaub be sustained as president of the Australian Mission.

Apostle A. O. Woodruff reported his recent visit to Mexico. Said the people were prospering. He made a new bishopric, he said, at Dublin, putting in Jno. S. Robinson as bishop. Reported that Pres. [Anthony W.] Ivins had been very active in taking steps to protect the title of our people in Mexico. Government very friendly to our people. The saints have made more progress there in the past few years than many of the Mexicans, in the past 100

years. Said he had sealed two couples in Mexico, as it would have been a hardship for them to come to the St. George Temple.

There was some talk as to the propriety of the brethren of the Twelve being authorized to marry our people by the sealing ordinance in Mexico. It was the mind of the President, and the sense of the meeting that it be done. It seemed to be the mind of President Snow that an endowment house be provided for Mexico and points in the south.

Apostle Woodruff made some remarks concerning the Big Horn country. Read a letter from the governor [DeForest Richards] of Wyoming in which he said he favored the settling of the "Mormon" people in that part of the state—and would do all he could to assist them. Benediction by A. H. Lund.

#### **Monday, 25 December 1899**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cold. Christmas Day. I spent the day quietly at home with the wife and children. We were pleased to witness the joy and happiness of our little ones in their amusements with the Christmas toys. At 1 p.m. we sat down to a turkey dinner. The evening was passed at mother's, where all her children and grandchildren (18 in number) were gathered. Ice cream and cake were served. Later on the children sang and recited, and the time glided swiftly away.

#### **Thursday, 28 December 1899**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cold. Meeting of the brethren at the temple. Present: the 1st Presidency, Apostles B. Young, Jr., F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, A. O. Woodruff, myself, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. The brethren robed. Song, "Come to Me." Prayer by A. O. Woodruff, M. F. Cowley mouth in circle. Song, "O Babylon." The brethren disrobed. Song, "O Ye Mountains High." Benediction by B. Young, Jr.

#### **Friday, 29 December 1899**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cold. I spent the forenoon at the President's office.

3 p.m. Meeting of the brethren at the President's office. Present: First Presidency, Apostles F. M. Lyman, B. Young, Jr., J.

H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, A. O. Woodruff, R. Clawson, Presiding Bishopric, C. W. Penrose, Bp. H[iram] B. Clawson, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk.

The object of the meeting was to discuss the present situation—especially with reference to the effort that will be made to pass a constitutional amendment, prohibiting the practice of polygamy in the United States. Should such amendment be passed, the government would then be in a position to persecute and harass the Latter-day Saints as formerly.

It was thought that something might be done to placate our enemies of the Republican party. Although the *Deseret News* has been conducted as an independent paper up to the present time, the Republicans—many of them—claim it is democratic in its tendencies. Therefore, some of the brethren thought it would be good policy to relieve the present editor—C. W. Penrose—and put in a Republican for the time being. Others opposed the change. Although I had no opportunity to speak, I felt opposed to any change. It was also suggested that the leading authorities of the church be counseled to refrain from engaging in active politics. One of the brethren thought a general fast would be effectual in accomplishing much good.

President Snow said that he was not disturbed in his feelings over the present situation, but felt perfectly calm. Thought we should do what we could in wisdom to forestall threatened evils. Read from the revelation on tithing, showing that the land of Zion could only be sanctified for the saints in keeping the commandments and statutes of the Lord by the observance of that law. The saints were now doing better than heretofore. One third more tithing has been paid during the past 5 months than during the same period last year. If the saints continue in a more faithful observance of this duty, the Lord will not permit our enemies to bring evil upon us—only so far as it will accomplish His purposes. And if a constitutional amendment were passed, it would only be in the providence of the Lord. In view of the fact that the *News* is enjoying a season of unexampled prosperity under the editorial management of C. W. Penrose and business management of H[orace] G. Whitney, he was opposed to any change in that paper. Meeting adjourned until 2 p.m. tomorrow, Saturday.



**Saturday, 30 December 1899**

Salt Lake City. Foggy and cold. 2 p.m. Continuation of the meeting of the brethren on Friday. The principal topic of discussion was the attitude of the brethren when arrested and found guilty of unlawful cohabitation. Would it be proper for them to promise to obey the law—or rather express their intention to do so?

President Snow said, he did not see how we could very well do otherwise, in order to satisfy the honorable people of the nation, who are willing to send their sons into battle for the defense of our country, and when they fall in battle it is looked upon as an honor. They are willing to make this sacrifice for their country. They look upon the United States as the greatest nation on the earth and feel that its laws are supreme—and that when it comes to a question of law, the Latter-day Saints should bow. It is necessary sometimes for the saints to make sacrifices for the good of their fellowmen, that the honorable ones of the earth perchance may be saved. This is one of those times. There are, he said, about 300 plural wives among the saints who are bearing children, as against the body of the church—say 350,000—who are not in polygamy. These 300 women for the good of the nation and of the church should be willing for a time to refrain from having children. They would lose nothing by it, for the Lord would reward them abundantly.

Though no formal vote was taken the brethren generally seemed to endorse the views of President Snow. Meeting adjourned *sine die*.

**Monday, 1 January 1900**

New Year's Day. Salt Lake City. Foggy and cold. I took a very bad cold last night. Lydia, myself, and the children took dinner at mother's. All her children and grandchildren were there. We sat down to an excellent spread at 2 p.m.

**Thursday, 4 January 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild; thawing. 11 a.m. Meeting of the brethren at the temple. Present: the First Presidency, Apostles B. Young, Jr., F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, A. H. Lund, Jno. W. Taylor, A. O. Woodruff, R. Clawson, and G.

F. Gibbs, clerk. The brethren robed. Pres. Snow was mouth in prayer, and Apostle J. H. Smith was mouth in the circle, after which the brethren disrobed. Song, "Let Us Pray, Gladly Pray."

Pres. Snow said a proposition had been made to the board of directors of the Saltair Beach Co. and the Salt Lake and Los Angeles Ry. Co. by Brother W. J. Bateman and a Mr. [Charles W.] Miller to the effect that they would lease Saltair beach and the railroad, giving to the stockholders 75% of the net earnings and guaranteeing \$8,000.00 a year. N[ephi] W. Clayton, the present manager, objected, he said, on the ground that they were not reliable. Later on the two parties above mentioned made a second offer, namely, that they would manage the properties at a salary of \$150.00 each per month. N. W. Clayton offered to manage the properties without compensation, if the directors desired him to do so. As to the propositions submitted, no decision was reached at the board meeting referred to, but inasmuch as the church was the largest stockholder—owning almost wholly both properties—it was decided to refer the matter to Pres. Snow.

Pres. Snow now submitted the matter to the Presidency and Twelve. He said that from all he could learn the gentlemen who had made the proposition were perfectly reliable and were also familiar with the business. The clerk read communications from Bateman and Miller making the propositions referred to. Some of the brethren testified that N. W. Clayton was in the habit of getting drunk and they felt by continuing him in the management it would bring reproach upon the church, as it had already done. This feeling was shared by all present. After some discussion, it was moved by Apostle J. H. Smith and seconded [by] Apostle F. M. Lyman that the resignations of N. W. Clayton, Manager, and I. A. Clayton, Treas., be asked for and accepted. Carried by unanimous vote. A sentiment prevailed favoring the acceptance of Bateman and Miller's proposition, or rather, their second proposition.

Apostle H. J. Grant stated that he had an opportunity to lease the Salt Lake Theatre to Mr. [Martin] Mulvey, manager of the New Grand Opera House, for a period of ten years to good advantage, and, if the brethren had no objections, thought he would do so. He would prefer, he said, to sell the church a controlling interest in the property—namely 51 shares or \$51,000.00—but his circumstances were such he had to do something. He called attention to

the fact that he had a \$30,000.00 note at Zion's Saving Bank, a \$12,000.00 note with the Trustee-in-Trust, and suggested that these notes be turned over to him for theatre stock and that the Trustee-in-Trust buy enough more to give the church the controlling interest. After some discussion it was moved by Pres. Jos. F. Smith that the suggestion made by Apostle Grant be adopted, providing after due consideration it met with the approval of Pres. Snow. Carried by unanimous vote. Benediction by Apostle A. O. Woodruff.

### **Tuesday, 9 January 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 10 a.m. I attended a directors meeting of the Utah Light and Power Co., which was in session until 11 o'clock.

11 a.m. Quarterly meeting of the Twelve. Present: Pres. B. Young, Jr., Apostles F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, Jno. Taylor, M. W. Merrill, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, myself, A. O. Woodruff. When I came in at 11 o'clock, Apostle A. H. Lund was speaking. Topics treated: Conditions in the mission fields. Secret societies and societies that are formed for life insurance purposes. Thought our people ought not to go into these things.

Being called upon, I made brief remarks. Spoke of my recent visit to Willard and the reorganization of the bishopric there. Said that in visiting among the saints, I found too much of a spirit of disorder in many of the meetings—especially in many of the young people's meetings. Referred to the evening session of the Y.L.M.I.A. Conference held in the tabernacle Sunday evening, when great streams of people filed out between each exercise, much to the annoyance of those who remained. Such things should not be permitted in the house of the Lord, which according to the scriptures is a house of order. Bore testimony to the truth of the gospel.

Apostle M. W. Merrill followed. Topics treated: The death of Pres. F. D. Richards; he missed him very much. Knew the gospel to be true. In speaking of the principle of plural marriage, said it had come to stay in some form or another. Said that the people of Cache Stake, where he is presiding, are greatly involved in debt, and his counsel to them is to get out of debt and keep out. Related

a dream he had had concerning Satan and the power he has in the world. Benediction by Apostle J. W. Taylor.

2 p.m. The same brethren were present as in the morning session. Singing. Prayer by Apostle J. W. Taylor. Singing.

Apostle J. W. Taylor was the first speaker. Referred to some of the wards in the Cache Stake as being in a bad condition and thought a change in the bishopric necessary. Thought some of the stakes should be divided, such stakes as San Pete and Utah. Was in favor of some form of life insurance for our young people. Thought it a mistaken policy to keep the saints in the world from gathering [to Utah], as their children in many cases grow up and marry gentiles. Had a burning desire to preach the gospel to nations who had never heard it.

Apostle H. J. Grant was the next speaker. Felt that the brethren of the Twelve ought to visit the missions of the church in the world, as well as to visit the stakes of Zion. Was thankful, he said, that the Lord is helping him to get out of debt. Through the action of the Presidency and Twelve in taking theatre stock from him, he was greatly assisted. Believed that his mother would receive her hearing through the prayer of faith being offered up by the saints. Was in favor of making changes in the church where needed. Benediction by Apostle H. J. Grant.

### **Wednesday, 10 January 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cold. 7 a.m. I took train for Brigham City to attend the annual stockholders meeting of the Brigham City Roller Mill Co.

The meeting was held at the tithing office at 10 a.m., a majority of the stock being represented, namely, 111 shares. Lorenzo Snow was elected chairman, and I, secretary of the meeting. As secretary for the year 1899, I submitted my report for the six months ending Dec. 31st, showing a net profit of \$1850. A dividend of 5% was declared—namely \$1000—and \$600 was passed to the real estate account for wear and tear and general depreciation of the property. The following were elected directors for the year 1900: Lorenzo Snow, A. Madsen, J. L. Edwards, Jas. Nelson, John Crawford, and myself. At a later meeting Lorenzo Snow was elected president of the board of directors, Jno. L. Edwards, vice president, myself, secretary and treasurer, and Jas. Nelson, mgr.

I returned to Salt Lake on the 4:45 p.m. train. Pres. Snow also returned at the same time.

**Thursday, 11 January 1900**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cold. 10 a.m. Continuation of the quarterly meeting of the Twelve. Singing. Prayer by Apostle A. O. Woodruff. Singing. There were present at the meeting Pres. B. Young, Jr., Apostles F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, J. W. Taylor, M. W. Merrill, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, A. O. Woodruff, and myself.

Apostle H. J. Grant read two interesting letters—one from Elder B. H. Roberts regarding the situation in Washington and his fight for a seat in Congress to which he is justly entitled. An effort is being made to exclude him because he is a polygamist, but the committee who are investigating his case have not yet made their report to the House. Elder Roberts feels hopeful of winning. The other letter was from his brother, B. F. Grant.

Pres. B. Young, Jr., spoke briefly. Felt that the brethren of the quorum were growing in the things of the kingdom. Dwelt upon the principle of the United Order. "As members of the quorum we must let nothing come between us and the Lord." Felt to invoke the blessings of the Lord upon the Twelve.

The date fixed for the next quarterly meeting was the 3d of April, 1900. The First Presidency came in at 11 o'clock. Song, "Glorious [Continued in Diary Twelve.]

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things are sung of Zion."

Pres. Snow made brief remarks upon the principle of union. Said that the Presidency of the church and the Twelve were never more united than at the present time and felt that the Lord was, therefore, well pleased with them. If they would continue in the spirit of union, God would greatly bless them.

Stake conference appointments: Emery, Apostles H. J. Grant and F. M. Lyman; Utah, Geo. Teasdale; Box Elder, Y.M.M.I.A. special conference, Pres. J. F. Smith and R. Clawson. The committee on the division of the Salt Lake Stake, Apostles J. H. Smith and A. H. Lund, submitted a written report, which was read by the clerk. They recommended that the boundaries of the Jordan Stake should be 13th South St. on the north and Winchester St. on the south; and the boundaries of the Granite Stake Winchester St. on the north and the south line of the present Salt Lake Stake on the south. The report was adopted by unanimous vote.

The field of labor of Elder Chas. H. Grace of Nephi, who was called to take a mission to Turkey, was changed to Colorado. Pres. Wm. Budge, wrote desiring to make a change in the bishopric of Fishaven. The matter was left to be attended to at such time as

some of the Apostles should visit his stake.

The tables were then set for the sacrament, and Pres. B. Young, Jr., was mouth in blessing the bread and wine, after which the brethren partook freely of the same. Before the brethren withdrew from the table, Pres. Cannon by request made brief remarks. Said he felt it was a great honor to be associated with the First Presidency and Quorum of the Twelve. Felt that we ought to be devoted to the work of the Lord. Said that we were at the threshold of great events and that the time was not far distant, when the Savior would make himself known to us—would converse with and instruct us concerning our duties. Remarked that these were critical times, and none of the brethren should give general important counsel without consulting Pres. Snow. This was also the mind of all present. After benediction by Pres. J. F. Smith, the brethren dispersed.

Lydia is suffering from a severe cold on her lungs, which threatens to bring on pneumonia. I am working hard to prevent the threatened evil.

### Sunday, 14 January 1900

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and mild, threatening rain. 9:45 a.m. I left for Brigham City to attend the stake Y.M.M.I.A. special conference, arriving at 1 p.m.

2 p.m. Opening of the conference at the tabernacle. The speakers were Oleen N. Stohl and Pres. J. F. Smith. Topics treated. O. N. S[tohl]. Reported the condition of the M.I.A. work in the Box Elder Stake. The stake presidency of the Y.M.M.I.A. had been united in all their labors and were ever willing to receive counsel. Had endeavored to set forth a proper example in all good works. Regular weekly officers meetings had been held. There were 226 subscribers among the young men to the *Improvement Era*, which he felt to be a good showing. He reported 19 associations in the stake with a membership of 1008—all in a flourishing condition. A Mutual Improvement Library had been built in Brigham City by the combined effort of the associations and paid for at a cost of \$786.19. Number of books in the library—600; 1100 having been loaned out to the reading public during the year 1899.

Pres. J. F. S[mith]. Congratulated the saints of Box Elder in the possession of such a beautiful house (meaning the new taber-

nacle as restored after the fire) in which to worship the Lord. He said that this house had been dedicated to the Lord and he felt in his heart that the Lord had accepted of it. Had listened, he said, with a great deal of interest to the testimonies of the young men who had been selected to stand at the head of the M.I.A. work in the Box Elder Stake. Invoked the blessings of the Lord upon them. They should meet together often and seek to be united. "In a multitude of counsel there is safety." He loved men of integrity. Spoke of the fleeting character of earthly things and admonished all to lay up treasures in heaven.

7 p.m. Continuation of conference. The speakers were myself and Pres. J. F. Smith. Topics treated. R. C[lawson]. Hardness of heart. Responsibilities resting upon the saints. Covenants entered into before we came into the world.

Pres. J. F. S[mith]. The judgments of God upon the nations. The hand of the Lord as seen in the Spanish-American war and the English-Boer war. The saloon evil in Brigham City and other places.

#### Thursday, 18 January 1900

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 11 a.m. Meeting of the brethren at the temple. Present: the First Presidency, Apostles F. M. Lyman, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, A. O. Woodruff, myself, and Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "For the Strength of the Hills We Bless Thee." Prayer by Apostle H. J. Grant. The brethren robed and Apostle Geo. Teasdale was mouth in the circle.

A letter from Geo. Lewis, Mesa, chairman of committee on meeting house, was read. He said they contemplated building a new meeting house in Mesa and were considering the propriety of making it a two-story building with assembly room above and amusement hall below. Felt that they could accomplish the work by following this plan, but had not sufficient means to put up two buildings. Not knowing whether it would be exactly proper to combine the two buildings in one, now asked for counsel. The clerk was instructed to write Brother Lewis that it would be proper for them to build the two rooms under one roof.

The clerk read a letter from Elder Platte D. Lyman, pres. [of the] European Mission, in reference to the purchase of a house of



worship for the saints in the London conference. He said that Jesse Knight and Sister [Elizabeth C.] McCune had each offered to contribute \$500.00, providing the balance necessary could be raised. He desired instructions from the brethren respecting the matter. As practically no information had been received relative to the cost, location, and other particulars, Apostle A. H. Lund and myself were appointed a committee to investigate the matter and report.

The clerk read a communication signed by 26 members of the Sugar House Ward, favoring the division of the Salt Lake Stake on the original lines decided by the council, namely, beginning at 10[th] South instead of 13[th] South St. There was some discussion and division of sentiment on the subject. Finally, the committee were instructed to visit the wards interested and ascertain the choice of the people respecting the boundary lines.

The name of Lars F. Johnson was submitted by myself for bishop of Bear River City. Accepted by unanimous vote.

A motion to close the temples and discontinue stake conferences for the present on account of smallpox was carried. It was also decided to discontinue prayer circles in the temple. Benediction by Apostle F. M. Lyman.

#### **Saturday, 3 March 1900**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and mild. I spent a greater part of the day at the President's office and during the forenoon had a pleasant chat with Pres. Snow. After dinner in company with Apostle H. J. Grant, I called at the *News* office and gave them some items in reference to our trip south and later called at a number of business houses and paid some bills. In order to keep my credit good and from principle I make it a point to pay my bills each month regularly. A good credit is equivalent to capital.

#### **Thursday, 8 March 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 11 a.m. Meeting of the brethren in the temple. Present: the Presidency, Apostles F. M. Lyman, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, A. O. Woodruff, R. Clawson, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song. President Snow was mouth in prayer, and A. O. Woodruff was mouth in the circle. Stake conference appointments: Salt Lake Stake, 1st Presidency; Morgan, R. Clawson and

A. O. Woodruff; St. George, F. M. Lyman.

Apostle Grant and myself reported our visit to Arizona and Mexico. In order that the brethren might have a clear understanding of the situation, I read from my journal. Brother Grant and myself both strongly recommended that some assistance be rendered to the people of St. Johns. After some discussion it was unanimously decided that one half of the tithing paid in that stake for the year 1900—approximately \$4500.00—be appropriated to assist them. Benediction by F. M. Lyman.

### **Monday, 12 March 1900**

Morgan City. Clear and cool. I am 43 years old today. 10 a.m. Continuation of [Morgan Stake] Conference. The speakers were myself and Apostle A. O. Woodruff. Topics treated. R. C[lawson]. Complimented the choir on the good singing furnished during the conference. The importance of having good choirs in the wards and stakes of Zion. Every man should be satisfied to labor where God wants him to labor. The folly of opposing the priesthood. Short meetings, short sermons, and plenty of singing. Punctuality.

A. O. W[oodruff]. Colonizing the Big Horn country. The B. Y. Monument Fund. Family reunions.

### **Tuesday, 13 March 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. I called in at my brother Fred's and entered into an arrangement with him to keep his books at a consideration of \$10 per month, payable in dental work. This will enable me to get the dental work done for my family without any direct outlay. I spent a greater part of the day at the President's office working on a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the church for the year 1899, which is quite a big labor.

### **Thursday, 15 March 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 11 a.m. Meeting of the brethren at the temple. Present: the First Presidency, Apostles F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, A. H. Lund, A. O. Woodruff, and myself. Song. I was mouth in prayer, and Pres. Geo. Q. Cannon was mouth in the circle. Song.

A letter from Platte D. Lyman, pres. of the European Mission, was read. He stated that an elder in the mission by the name of

Walter Alder, son of Lydia Alder, had committed himself with a lewd woman, and it was his feeling that the young man be dismissed without an honorable release, the authorities at home to take such further action as might be necessary. He said, however, that he would write further particulars regarding the matter. It was decided to await further particulars.

Apostle A. O. Woodruff reported progress being made in the colonization of the Big Horn country. Said some 63 heads of families would be prepared to go there this spring, with 92 teams to work on the canal. Apostle F. M. Lyman reported that the St. George people, notwithstanding the drouth in that country, were feeling well.

As chairman of a committee from the Y.M.M.I.A. board, I stated that a movement was on foot to erect a monument over the grave of the late President Woodruff; that \$600 had been set aside in his will for that purpose; that the Young Men's Board intended to contribute about \$500 to said fund, and had authorized me to ask the church for an appropriation of, say, \$1000, making a total of \$2000, which would purchase a monument appropriate and in keeping with his position and calling in the church. The matter was discussed and it seemed to be the mind of the brethren generally that it would be more in harmony with President Woodruff's views not to make an appropriation for the purpose set forth. Consequently, no action was taken. Benediction by Pres. Jos. F. Smith.

### Monday, 19 March 1900

Bountiful, Utah. Clear and mild; beautiful day. 10 a.m. Continuation of [Davis Stake] Quarterly Conference, Elder Hyrum Grant presiding.

The speakers were Elder Andrew Jenson and Apostle F. M. Lyman. Topics treated. A. J[enson]. Dwelt upon the growth and progress of the work both temporally and spiritually since the early settlement of Utah. The Latter-day Saints are making history. Early modes of travel across the plains. Irrigating the soil. Sacrifice. Stake and ward records. His visit to the stakes and missions for historical purposes. *Church Chronology*; means realized from the sale of same to be used for the building of an historian's office for the church. Urged the saints to subscribe for it.

F. M. L[yman]. Record keeping in the church and its great importance. *Church Chronology*. No one is called to the priesthood, or to preach the gospel, without being ordained by someone having authority. No baptism or confirmation should be consummated, except there is a recorder present. Every man is entitled to a certificate of ordination. Record day.

2 p.m. Continuation of conference. The speakers were myself and Apostle F. M. Lyman. Topics treated. R. C[lawson]. Record day. The growth of the church from Canada on the north to Mexico on the south. The conditions of progress and prosperity in those places, namely, the Alberta Stake in Canada, the St. Johns Stake, the St. Joseph Stake, [and] the Maricopa Stake in Arizona, and the Juarez Stake in Mexico.

F. M. L[yman]. The ordination of a bishop; to set apart alone is not sufficient, but a man to be a bishop must be ordained to that office. Tithing. The evil of indebtedness. Advised the saints to get out of debt and then to keep out of debt. Children should be blessed under the direction and approval of the bishop, whether at home or in the fast meeting. Men who are called away on missions to be gone two or three years should lay their hands on the heads of their wives and children and bless them.

Patriarch Judson Tolman blessed the congregation, the choir, and the apostles present in the name of Jesus and also offered the benediction. Conference adjourned for 3 months.

#### Thursday, 22 March 1900

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: the First Presidency, Apostles B. Young, Jr., F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, A. H. Lund, A. O. Woodruff, myself, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Apostle B. Young, Jr., was mouth in prayer and Apostle J. H. Smith was mouth in the circle.

A letter from Apostle M. F. Cowley, who is visiting the conferences in Oklahoma Territory, Arkansas, and in Texas, was read. He said he was having a pleasant and profitable time.

A communication from Elders Jno. C. Cutler, Wm. Dougall, Spencer Clawson, and J. H. Paul of the Salt Lake Stake Board of Education was read. They called attention to the needs of the Latter-day Saints College, stating that the quarters in the Templeton Building are not ample to accommodate the students in

attendance. No action was taken.

Stake conferences: Bingham, R. Clawson; Sevier, F. M. Lyman and A. H. Lund; Beaver, Geo. Teasdale; and Fremont, J. H. Smith. Apostle B. Young, Jr., gave a brief account of his visit to San Juan, St. Johns, and Maricopa Stakes. Said he had organized a ward in the Tonto Basin, Maricopa Stake, called the Pine Ward, with Lyman Leavitt for bishop. He also ordained ex-bishop [Luther C.] Burnham a patriarch.

Apostle F. M. Lyman stated that he, myself, and Andrew Jensen—committee on “Record Day” and church records—were prepared to make a report and that I would explain the forms we had prepared. There were three forms, namely, a church membership form, ordinations to the priesthood, and a form for the names of children blessed, to be bound in a single book for use in the various wards of the church; also an improved form for recommends both to the temple and for removals. Those forms I carefully explained, and upon motion they were adopted by unanimous vote. While there was no definite action taken in reference to the matter of a record day, no objection was offered to it. It was decided that ward clerks should have the privilege of charging a fee of 10¢ for each recommend issued.

The letter from Elder David K. Udall, addressed to Apostle H. J. Grant and myself, was read. Benediction by Apostle F. M. Lyman. I spent the balance of the day at the President’s office.

### Friday, 23 March 1900

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. I spent the day at the President’s office, working on a statement to show the total yearly interest paid by the church on church indebtedness [as of] Jan. 1st, 1899, and the total yearly interest paid [as of] March 8th, 1900, with the following result:

The church indebtedness, Jan. 1st, 1899, calling for interest at the following rates:

10%	451,049.02	Interest	45,104.80
9%	40,550.00	Interest	3,649.50
8%	490,973.24	Interest	39,277.85
7%	345,290.45	Interest	23,770.30
6%	345,839.02	Interest	19,550.34

5%	136,562.97	Interest	6,828.10
	\$1,810,264.70	Interest	\$138,180.89

The church indebtedness, March 8th, 1900, calling for interest at the following rates:

10%	11,190.00		1,119.00
8%	115,519.90		9,241.58
7%	117,400.00		8,238.00
6%	303,079.31		18,184.74
5%	125,000.00		6,250.00
	\$672,189.21		\$43,033.32
Church bonds 6%	1,000,000.00		60,000.00
Church indebtedness	\$1,672,189.21	Interest	\$103,033.32
		Total reduction of interest:	\$35,147.57

Note: on Jan. 1st, 1899, there was considerable indebtedness not drawing interest. Through the blessing of the Lord and the wise management of Pres. Snow, the yearly interest expense, as will be seen from the above, has been greatly reduced.

#### **Saturday, 24 March 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. In going up [to Brigham City] I had a long and interesting talk with Elder B. H. Roberts, relative to his experience in Congress in fighting to maintain his rights there to secure the seat he was justly entitled to, but which, because of his being a polygamist, he failed to get.

#### **Thursday, 29 March 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cold. 11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: the First Presidency, Apostles B. Young, Jr., F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, J. W. Taylor, A. H. Lund, A. O. Woodruff, R. Clawson, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song. Apostle B. Young, Jr., mouth in prayer, and H. J. Grant mouth in the circle. Song.

A letter from Chas. U. Locander of Juarez, Mexico, was read. He complained of not receiving a reply to certain letters he had written to the First Presidency in which he had made some complaints of certain wrongs he had suffered. The letter was threatening in tone. The matter was referred to Apostle J. H. Smith and Pres. A. W. Ivins of the Juarez Stake.

A letter from the Presiding Bishopric was read. They complained of the manner in which the tithes of the Eagar Ward, St. Johns Stake, had been handled by Bp. [George H.] Crosby. Brother Crosby had moved away from that ward, and he had been talked of for bishop in another stake. The matter was referred to Apostle F. M. Lyman.

A suggestion was made by Apostle H. J. Grant that the assembly hall, with some changes, be occupied by the Latter-day Saints College. The matter was deferred for the present.

Apostle J. H. Smith reported his visit to the Fremont Stake. Said the high council of the Fremont Stake was released and reorganized. The change was made necessary owing to the status of some of its members. A number of the council was in the habit of getting drunk; others neglected the law of tithing. Two of the old council were brought in again.

I called attention to the fact that the free-will offerings at the Salt Lake Temple for the year 1898 amounted to \$5807.25, and for the year 1899, \$6856.83; that the total membership of the church in the stakes of the temple district was 78,915. The amount contributed per capita was, therefore, between 8c and 9c per year. I thought this a poor showing and suggested that there were a great many who would contribute if the matter was properly brought to their attention. It seemed to be the mind of the brethren that it would be better to preach up tithing rather than to make an effort in the direction of the free-will offerings to the temple. Pres. Snow stated that there were 10,000 non-tithe-payers in 1899. The apostles should take up this matter in the stakes. It was reported that there were 30,000 non-tithe-payers in 1898. The number of tithe-payers in 1899 were 62,000.

Apostle J. W. Taylor reported that the Cache Stake was in bad shape through the incapacity of a number of the bishops. A committee of three apostles, namely, Apostles F. M. Lyman, Jno. W. Taylor, and M. W. Merrill (who is also president of the Cache Stake) were appointed to investigate the matter, and report to the Presidency such changes in the bishopric of that stake as might seem desirable. Benediction by Apostle J. W. Taylor.

**Monday, 2 April 1900**

Clawson, I attended a birthday gathering at the temple annex. The gathering was inspired by the temple workers under the direction of Brother Jno. R. Winder in honor of President Lorenzo [Snow], commemorating his 86th birthday. Present: President Lorenzo Snow and his counselors; Apostles B. Young, Jr., J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, J. W. Taylor, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, A. O. Woodruff, and myself; of the First Seven Presidents of Seventies: S[eymour] B. Young, B. H. Roberts, Geo. Reynolds, R[ulon] S. Wells, and J[oseph] W. McMurrin; of the Presiding Bishopric: J[ohn] R. Winder and Robt. T. Burton; and a large number of temple workers and others numbering in all about 120. The meeting was called to order by Brother J. R. Winder.

### *Program*

Congratulatory remarks [by] Jno. R. Winder. He said in part: that the temple workers felt honored in the presence of Pres. Snow and wished him many happy returns of the day. Made the following report concerning the labor that had been accomplished in the temple, namely, that since the temple had been open until April 2nd, 1899—475,662 ordinances had been performed, and from Apr. 2nd, 1899, to Apr. 2nd, 1900, 68,871, making a total of 544,337 ordinances performed since the temple was opened. He said that the interest in the work is increasing and the temple workers are perfectly united. In behalf of the temple workers Brother Winder presented President Snow some flowers symbolic of the authorities of the church, namely, three white lilies representing the First Presidency, twelve white roses representing the Twelve Apostles, seven white carnations representing the Seven Presidents of Seventies, three small white roses representing the Lesser Priesthood. These he bound together with white ribbon and presented them to President Snow.

Brief response by President Snow. He expressed appreciation of the honor done him. Said he had greatly enjoyed the six years of labor he had accomplished in the temple. (He was for that length of time and is now president of the temple.)

Remarks [by] Pres. J. F. Smith. He said he honored Pres. Snow not only because of his faithfulness and integrity, but because of the priesthood and authority held by him.

Remarks [by] Pres. G. Q. Cannon. He spoke of the value of a testimony of the truth of the gospel and said it was equally



important to have a testimony concerning the men of God. Those who find fault with the prophet of God because of his weaknesses commit sacrilege—it is a sin. Spoke concerning work for the dead. Invoked the blessing of God upon President Snow.

Benediction [by] Pres. Lorenzo Snow.

The invitation being extended, 117 shook hands with the President as the brethren and sisters dispersed. It was a most enjoyable affair and a time long to be remembered.

### **Tuesday, 3 April 1900**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy with mild rain. 10 a.m. Quarterly conference of the Twelve at the temple. Present: Pres. B. Young, Jr., F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, J. W. Taylor, M. W. Merrill, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, R. Clawson, and A. O. Woodruff. Song, "Come Let Us Anew." Prayer by myself. Song, "Ye Who Are Called to Labor."

There was some discussion as to whether the minutes of our quarterly meetings should be read and corrected and approved at the close of each meeting. It was finally decided that it should be done.

Pres. Brigham Young, Jr., said that he believed that all the members of the quorum were in harmony with the Presidency and if so, we are entitled to the spirit of inspiration in our meetings. He had weaknesses, he said, but he desired to labor for the promotion of the work of God upon the earth. If we are in perfect harmony with our brethren and the priesthood, why should we not enjoy the spirit of revelation? Speaking of the private journals of the leading brethren, he said they should be deposited with the church historian at their death. There is half a million people looking to the Presidency and Twelve for guidance, and, therefore, it is necessary that they have the spirit of revelation upon them continually. Invoked the blessings of God upon the brethren.

Apostle F. M. Lyman made brief remarks. Said that as the body cannot live without the spirit, so the church cannot live without or exist without the quorum of the Twelve Apostles. Thought it important to keep a journal. Had written nothing he would be ashamed to read to the brethren. If we don't write our own history—that is, furnish the data—nobody will. Was willing, he said, that his journal should go to the church historian at his death.

Speaking of the Twelve, he said our great merit is not in the fact that we are very great and smart, but that we are honest, humble, and united, and the Lord can use us. I believe the kingdom is the Lord's and He will take care of it. Hoped it would not be necessary for the apostles to have much to do with politics in the future.

The minutes of the meeting were read and approved. Adjourned until 2 p.m.

2 p.m. Full quorum present. Song, "Glorious Things Are Sung of Zion." Apostle J. H. Smith spoke very briefly and said that he was pleased to be present and had enjoyed the spirit of instruction that had characterized the morning meeting.

Apostle Geo. Teasdale said that he had greatly enjoyed his labors of late. Had been led by the spirit to speak plainly to the people. Thought sufficient plainness had not been used in the Salt Lake Stake. Spoke upon the subject of keeping a journal. Said God's ways are not as man's ways and His thoughts are not as man's thoughts. If we were of the world, we could know nothing of the ways of God. Said he loved the brethren. Spoke of the oneness and union of the Twelve.

Apostle H. J. Grant spoke of his visit in connection with myself to the stakes of St. Johns, Maricopa, St. Joseph, and Juarez. Said he had greatly enjoyed himself. Thought it would be a good thing for some of the apostles to visit the various missions of the church once a year or once in two years. Had enjoyed his labors in the ministry; his heart was not set upon business affairs, but desired to magnify his calling. Said he had unbounded love for the brethren.

Apostle J. W. Taylor spoke briefly and said he desired to be one with his brethren. Song, "Away with [y]our fears."

Apostle M. W. Merrill felt to endorse the sentiments of the brethren in respect to the union of the quorum. Felt that the quarterly meetings of the apostles to be important. Said the spirit of the Lord is very sensitive, and if grieved, it will leave us. Referred to the loss of his son by death. It was a great blow to him, but he acknowledged the hand of the Lord in it. Spoke of the visit of his son to him after his death. He heard his voice and was told not to grieve about his departure. He was told that his son was needed behind the veil to assist in the salvation of his progenitors. Spoke of his early acquaintance with Pres. B. Young. Was thankful that

he was enabled to retain his fellowship in the church. He looked upon it as a gift of God. Felt to bless the brethren.

Apostle A. H. Lund said he had been among the saints a great deal of late and had noticed an improvement. Spoke upon the subject of tithing and deprecated the fact that there were so many non-tithe-payers. Thought the authorities of the church should be stricter in relation to this law. Believed the dividing up of large stakes productive of good. Remarked that there was too much laxity on the part of the authorities of the church, he thought, with respect to the question of morality.

The minutes of the meeting were read and approved. Song. Benediction by Pres. B. Young, Jr. Adjourned until Wednesday morning at 10 a.m.

#### **Wednesday, 4 April 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 10 a.m. Continuation of quarterly conference of the Twelve. Present: Pres. B. Young, Apostles F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, J. W. Taylor, M. W. Merrill, A. H. Lund, A. O. Woodruff, and myself. Song, "See How the Morning [Sun]." Prayer by F. M. Lyman. Song, "Come, All Ye Sons of Zion."

Apostle J. W. Taylor made brief remarks and said our mission system is in a bad condition. Thought it would be a good thing to call the presidents of missions together during the coming conference and discuss the best methods of preaching the gospel and of conducting mission affairs and many other questions that would naturally arise. It was decided by unanimous vote that with the approval of the First Presidency a meeting of the Twelve, First Council of Seventies, and presidents of missions be called. Apostles F. M. Lyman, J. W. Taylor, and M. F. Cowley were appointed as a committee to arrange subjects of discussion for said meeting.

Apostle M. F. Cowley was the next speaker. Said he felt well towards his brethren. Had taken great pleasure in preaching the gospel. Was pleased with the suggestions made at this quarterly conference. Had born his testimony in 34 states of the Union. Spoke of his recent visit to the Southwestern States Mission, W. T. Jack presiding. The mission was in a prosperous condition and has a credit in the bank, over and above expenses, of \$1000.00. Spoke of the inefficiency of some of the elders in the field.

Apostle A. O. Woodruff followed and said he felt humble in the presence of the apostles—men of such great experience and men of God. Desired to be one with his brethren. Spoke of the colonization of the Big Horn country. The union of the priesthood and saints, he said, is what excites the hatred and anger of the adversary.

I made brief remarks and said that I had greatly enjoyed the spirit of our meetings. Desired to be in harmony with my brethren and to magnify the apostleship. Said that I not only had great pleasure in visiting among the saints and preaching the gospel, but also in assisting Pres. Snow in keeping posted regarding the financial condition of the church. Through reports furnished by myself he was perfectly familiar with all the obligations of the church, the receipts and disbursements, and revenues and expenses of the church for each year. This information relieves his mind of great anxiety for the reason that surprises never confront him.

Benediction by Apostle J. H. Smith. Adjourned until 10 a.m. Thursday morning. I spent the balance of the day and until midnight at the President's office, working on a statement of receipts and disbursements and revenues and expenses of the church for the year 1899.

#### Thursday, 5 April 1900

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 11 a.m. Meeting of the brethren in the temple. Present: the First Presidency, Apostles B. Young, F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, J. W. Taylor, M. W. Merrill, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, A. O. Woodruff, R. Clawson, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. It would be proper to state that the Twelve had been in session since 10 a.m. in continuation of their quarterly conference. I was not present, however.

By request of Pres. Snow I submitted my report with reference to the financial condition of the church, which involved a great many figures and entries, but the grand totals were as follows:

#### RECEIPTS

Tithing on hand Feb. 1st, 1899	538,130.66
Cash on hand Feb. 1st, 1899	43,278.16
Tithing rec[eive]d for year 1899	1,138,362.64
Rec[eive]d from all other sources	680,862.09

[Total]	2,400,633.55
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DISBURSEMENTS

Total amount disbursed for all purposes	1,814,181.90
[Total]	586,451.65
Tithing on hand Feb. 1st, 1900	479,839.44
Cash on hand Feb. 1st, 1900	106,612.21
[Total]	586,451.65

REVENUES OF THE CHURCH

Tithing received for 1899	1,138,362.64
Received from dividends, rents, and other sources	32,561.35
	87,584.67
[Total]	\$1,258,508.66

EXPENSES OF THE CHURCH

The expense of conducting the affairs of the church for the year 1899	639,083.10
Excess of revenue over and above expenses	\$619,425.56

Pres. Cannon, B. Young, and others remarked that it was the most comprehensive report concerning the financial condition of the church they had ever heard read. It was moved and carried that the report be approved and filed.

Pres. Snow made some remarks upon the subject of tithing, showing the necessity of keeping the people stirred up. Was gratified with the improved financial condition of the church. Felt that the brethren of the apostles should take an increased active interest in the administration of the affairs of in [*sic*] the stakes of Zion. Men should be sought after who are fully devoted to the work of God, and steps should be taken that the saints may not suffer for lack of proper attention. A general discussion of how best to bring the principle of tithing before the people in the stakes was indulged in.

Pres. Cannon referred to the Cache Stake and said that its record for tithing paid in 1899 was very poor. Apostle Merrill said in reply that it was due, he thought, to the fact that the crops in 1899 were much smaller than in 1898.

Apostle F. M. Lyman made brief remarks and said that he was pleased with the improved financial condition of the church. Felt

that Pres. Snow would not only live to see the church out [of] debt, but to see it flourish.

Pres. Snow said that it would be necessary to fill the vacancy of the quorum made by the death of the late Franklin D. Richards and requested the brethren to hand in two names each for consideration. Apostle Merrill said, speaking for himself personally, that he would prefer to leave the matter with the First Presidency and that he fully believed the Lord would inspire Pres. Snow to make the proper selection. Pres. Snow said that he thought so, too, after the names had been handed in.

A very important question was now brought to the attention of the council by President Snow, and that was as to which ranked highest in the quorum—Pres. Jos. F. Smith, or Apostle Brigham Young. The difficulty of deciding the question arose from the fact that Brigham Young was ordained an apostle first but that Jos. F. Smith was received into the quorum and sustained as one of the Twelve first. It was decided by unanimous vote that a man's seniority dated from the time he was received into the quorum, and not necessarily from the time of his ordination, and that, therefore, Jos. F. Smith ranked higher than Brigham Young. It was decided that this action and all that was said upon the question should be furnished by the clerk to each member of the quorum. The full particulars will, therefore, appear later in my journal.

The tables were spread and the brethren partook of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. A spirit of perfect peace and union prevailed and it was a very enjoyable affair. Apostle B. Young was mouth in blessing the bread and wine. At the conclusion Apostle J. H. Smith offered the benediction.

By invitation of Apostle Grant, the Presidency, the Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric and their wives spent a few hours at his house in social converse, taking refreshments at 5 p.m. While together the brethren and sisters were addressed by Pres[idents] Snow, Cannon, Smith, and Apostles Lyman and Merrill; also Apostle Grant. We had a very pleasant and instructive time.

In the evening I had the pleasure of listening to a lecture delivered by Bp. O. F. Whitney, under the auspices of the Historical Society of Utah, on the life and character of the late Pres. Franklin D. Richards. It was interesting and instructive.

**Saturday, 7 April 1900**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cool, threatening rain. 7 p.m. General priesthood meeting in the tabernacle, Pres. Lorenzo Snow presiding.

The speakers were Pres L. Snow, Bp. [William B.] Preston, and Pres. G. Q. Cannon. Topics treated. Pres. Snow. Dwelt upon the law of tithing. Referred to a large book which he exhibited to view containing the names of the non-tithe-payers of the church, amounting to 10,000 in number. Spoke very pointedly and forcibly in relation to the book and thought it showed a very serious and lamentable condition, notwithstanding the great improvement made during the past year. It was estimated, he said, that there were 30,000 non-tithe-payers in 1898. Felt that, if the authorities in the stakes had done their duty in bringing the matter to the attention of the people more fully, the showing would have been very different—perhaps there would have been not more than half the non-tithe-payers here exhibited. Said the matter of paying tithing was very important, as among other things the redemption of Zion (namely, Jackson County) would be brought about by purchase with the tithes of the people. In order to improve and correct conditions as they exist at present, had concluded to divide up the 42 stakes of Zion among the Twelve and make them responsible to look into the matter of tithe-paying. Spoke of the greatness and importance of the calling of a bishop.

Bp. Preston made brief remarks and spoke of the neglect of teachers and priests in carrying this law to the people. Elders in Israel who fail to pay tithing are not worthy to hold the priesthood.

Pres. G. Q. Cannon thought the showing made a dreadful one. He felt that the paying of tithes as essential as the laying on of hands or in fact as any other principle of the gospel. Men who have no means should have the privilege of paying their tithing in labor—namely, by giving one day in ten.

**Sunday, 8 April 1900**

Salt Lake City. Snowing hard; heavy rain and snow during night. 12:30 noon. Meeting at the President's office. The First Presidency and Twelve were all present.

Pres. Snow referred to the vacancy occasioned by the death of the late Franklin D. Richards and said, we have decided on the

man to fill it and hope the selection will suit you. The name of the man, he said, was Reed Smoot. We feel that he is the man the Lord wants. The nomination was seconded and approved by unanimous vote. Elder Reed Smoot was then called in from an adjoining room and was informed by Pres. Snow what had been decided upon and was invited to express himself regarding the matter. Pres. Snow said further, however, that in calling a man to be an apostle, we take into consideration the man whom the Lord wants, and who will give his heart to the work. We want a man who will be strong in the Lord and will so live that he can have the Spirit of the Lord to give him understanding and judgment in deciding matters of importance that may arise from time to time. We believe that you are such a man.

Elder Reed Smoot said he was willing to do anything the Lord required of him, but, nevertheless, he felt his unfitness for the appointment and was very weak. Pres. Snow explained how Moses was called of God to lead Israel. He felt his weakness, but God made him strong. Elder Smoot said he did not know how much help he would be to the quorum, as heretofore he had been engaged more particularly in financial matters. Pres. Snow said in reply, that he did not know either, but felt the Lord could qualify him for the labor.

Pres. Cannon remarked that, if he accepted the calling of an apostle, he would in a measure have to change his course of life, to which Elder Smoot assented, saying that he fully realized in accepting the apostleship, he would have to make it the first consideration.

Pres. Jos. F. Smith explained and dwelt upon the greatness of the apostleship and called attention to the importance of an apostle having the testimony of Jesus that he might thus become a special witness of his name in the world. An apostle should live above reproach, being strictly honest, faithful, and sincere. An apostle should be a man who will faithfully and completely sustain the authorities of the priesthood and the organizations of the church. We have a right to entertain and express our views and feelings, but we are not justified in standing out against the united decisions of the priesthood. While we may have our opinions, we must yield and obey the authority of God upon the earth.

Pres. Cannon said that in case Brother Reed Smoot is ordained



an apostle, it is his privilege to see the Lord Jesus, if he so desires and shall live for it, that he may indeed become a special witness of Jesus. This privilege belongs to the apostleship. Warned him against entering into any cabal or association outside of the quorum. We should enter into the quorum or council meetings free from any previous considerations or understandings.

Apostle J. H. Smith asked Elder Smoot if he accepted Lorenzo Snow as the leader of the church and as having the right to counsel him in all things. He answered, yes, but further remarked that he was of a positive nature and when he saw and felt a thing to be right, it was hard for him to change and see it differently.

Pres. J. F. Smith remarked that the Presidency and Apostles were all constituted that way, but sometimes it became necessary to change our views. Pres. Snow said a condition like this has prevailed, namely, that there are men in the church who have stood out against the combined judgment of the First Presidency, the Twelve, the First Council of Seventies, the Patriarch, and the Presiding Bishopric. This, he said, was damnable and has in some measure grown out of the spirit of the devil in politics.

Apostle Lyman spoke briefly and said he felt that the Lord had brought Brother Smoot to his present position. His financial experience would be of benefit to the church.

Apostle Brigham Young questioned him in relation to the principle of tithing, and Elder Smoot said he was willing to be judged by his tithing record. Apostle Young further said to Brother Smoot, "Nothing must interfere with your duty as an apostle. You must be willing, humble, and obedient as a child. This was the charge given to me. I felt that everything that pertained to my power of life was subject to this calling."

Pres. Snow said, we will present you to the conference, and the church will accept you, of course. Anybody that can pass beyond the scrutiny of the Twelve, can pass into any place in the church. In conclusion Elder Smoot said that he would doubtless make many mistakes, but he hoped the brethren would be free to correct him.

### **Monday, 9 April 1900**

Salt Lake City. Snowing. 10 a.m. Meeting at the assembly hall of the general authorities of the church, the presidency of stakes,

the bishopric of ward[s], and others, Pres. Snow presiding.

Pres. Snow explained that the object of the meeting was not so much to preach as to transact business. The authorities present are called to positions of high importance, and said he, "I love you, but that love will not prevent me from telling you your duty." You must not go into debt. The church is bound to get out of debt, and is bound to have a revenue of thousands and millions of dollars. For what purpose will this revenue be used? To buy up the land of Zion (Jackson County). In order to get out of debt the church, collectively and individually, will have to study and practice economy. Spoke of the improvement in the financial condition of the church. We have reduced the annual interest on the church indebtedness about \$3000 a month or \$36,000 a year. Spoke regarding second anointings. This blessing is not only intended for the aged, but also for younger men. We are afraid, however, that presidents of stakes do not exercise sufficient care in regard to this matter. The privilege should only be given to those who have been tried and tested, being full of integrity and not likely to fall away. In reference to non-tithe-payers, he said we cannot receive them into our temples; and if bishops send people to the temple who have not paid tithing and we find it out, we will send them back and have the bishops reported. Said that the land of Zion could only be sanctified by the paying of tithing.

Pres. Cannon spoke in relation to the care that should be exercised by bishops in selecting men for missions to the world. Dwelt upon the subject of debt and said that presidents of stakes and bishops of wards should be careful and wise in regard to the matter of laying burdens on the people. Said the *Church Chronology* should be patronized.

I made remarks on the subject of record keeping and the new forms of ward records and recommend blanks; also upon the subject of "Record Day." Apostle Teasdale said a few words in relation to the book of non-tithe-payers. Apostle Lyman spoke briefly on the matter of record keeping. Bp. [William B.] Preston remarked that there were some errors in the book of non-tithe-payers, and, therefore, the list would be sent back to the bishops for revision and correction, and that proper reasons might be set forth why people did not pay tithing.

At 2 p.m. I attended a meeting of the Twelve and presidents

of missions. The object of the meeting was to discuss the best methods of doing missionary work, also of meeting mission expenses. Much useful information was brought out. It was decided to hold other meetings of a similar nature in the future.

I omitted to record that on Monday, April the 9th, 1900, there was a meeting at the President's office of the Presidency and Twelve. Present: Presidents Snow and Cannon, Apostles B. Young, F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, M. W. Merrill, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, A. O. Woodruff, R. Clawson, and Reed Smoot; also H. J. Grant. The Presidency and Apostles then laid their hands upon the head of Elder Reed Smoot and ordained him an apostle in the quorum of the Twelve Apostles, Pres. Lorenzo Snow being mouth.

#### **Wednesday, 11 April 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. I spent the day at the President's office, entering up the financial statement of the condition of the church, which was submitted at the last council meeting and approved, in Pres. Snow's book of miscellaneous reports. In the evening I attended a board meeting of the Y.M.M.I.A.

#### **Thursday, 12 April 1900**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cool. 10 a.m. Meeting of the apostles at the temple. Present: B. Young, F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, J. W. Taylor, A. H. Lund, A. O. Woodruff, R. Clawson. The object of the meeting was to divide out the stakes of Zion to the apostles, in accordance with the suggestion made by Pres. Snow at the priesthood meeting during conference—namely, for the purpose of looking into the matter of tithing.

The following apportionment was adopted: to Apostle B. Young, Salt Lake, San Juan, San Luis; to Apostle Lyman, Beaver, Parowan, Millard, Panguitch, Kanab; to Apostle J. H. Smith, Bingham, Fremont, Alberta, Bear Lake; to Apostle Geo. Teasdale, Utah and Juab; to Apostle M. W. Merrill, Cache; to Apostle A. H. Lund, San Pete, Sevier, and Wayne; to Apostle A. O. Woodruff, Uintah, Woodruff, St. George, Star Valley; Apostle H. J. Grant, St. Johns, St. Joseph, Maricopa, Snowflake, Juarez, Granite; Apostle J. W. Taylor, Weber, Emery, Tooele; Apostle Reed Smoot, Wasatch,

Summit, Morgan, Jordan; Apostle R. Clawson, Box Elder, Malad, Davis; Apostle M. F. Cowley, Oneida, Bannock, Pocatello, Cassia.

11 a.m. Meeting of the Presidency and Twelve. Present: the First Presidency and the brethren above mentioned. The brethren clothed and sang, "A poor wayfaring man of grief." Prayer by Apostle A. H. Lund, and Apostle Geo. Teasdale mouth in the circle.

Stake conference appointments: to Juab, A. H. Lund and Geo. Teasdale; to Utah, H. J. Grant and myself; to Emery, J. W. Taylor. A letter from Brother C. Smith, Leamington, Millard Stake, was read. He recommended a certain brother by the name of Reeves for bishop. Apostle Lyman was appointed to look into and to attend to the matter.

The question as to the attitude of the church in relation to secret societies was brought up. Some letters bearing upon the subject, addressed to the late Pres. Woodruff and counselors, and also some letters written by them, were read by the clerk. The letters of the Presidency spoke in condemnation of secret societies so far as the members of the church are concerned. It was the mind of the brethren that our people should not have the consent or approval of the church in connecting themselves with secret societies and that those who already belong should be encouraged to withdraw as soon as they reasonably can. The society of Freemasonry was in some degree excepted, as it was thought that in some instances it might be advisable to join that body. Apostle H. J. Grant said that if this matter was not publicly announced (and some of the brethren seemed to think it ought not to be) we would make slow progress in fighting it with active canvassers of secret societies in the field. He suggested that the organization of a local life insurance co. would have a tendency to head them off. Pres. Snow said that presidents of stakes and bishops of wards should be notified that the Presidency and Twelve are opposed to secret societies and be instructed to notify the people that those who go into them will be denied admission to the temple for ordinance work.

Apostle H. J. Grant made a brief report concerning the Utah Loan and Trust Co. matter, stating that he had been unable to collect a good deal of the money promised as donation, and if something were not done, that company would yet fail and bring

discredit upon the church. He was instructed to make a further effort to collect the means. Apostle Reed Smoot was added to the committee. Benediction by myself.

**Saturday, 14 April 1900**

Salt Lake City. Storming. At 7:30 a.m. I left by rail for Provo to attend the Utah Stake Conference, arriving at 9:30 a.m., and was driven to Apostle Reed Smoot's.

2 p.m. Continuation of conference. The speakers were myself, Apostle Reed Smoot, and H. J. Grant.

R. C[lawson]. Read from the 8th chapter of Alma in relation to his visit to the city of Ammonihah to preach to that people the gospel of repentance, to show that while at first his mission appeared a failure, finally it proved a great success. Said that I felt the bishops of wards and the brethren and sisters holding positions of responsibility should take courage from the experience of Alma.

R. S[moot]. Spoke of his call to the apostleship and how humble and weak it made him feel. He desired, he said, above all things to magnify the same. Spoke of the responsibility resting upon the authorities of the church and parents regarding the young. We should be kind and charitable and endeavor to win the wayward back to the path of duty. Referred to the case of a young man, who, doubtless through neglect, had lost faith and was now actuated by a spirit of faultfinding. Tithing. The Twelve to look into the matter of tithe-paying. While connected with the stake presidency of the Utah Stake, there had never been a jar.

H. J. G[rant]. Spoke of the manner in which he was called to the apostleship; it was by reason of the faithfulness of his father. How his brother was converted to the Lord. Tithing. After the meeting Apostle Grant and wife, Sister Booth, and myself took a stroll through the town, very much enjoying the walk.

**Thursday, 19 April 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 11 a.m. Meeting of the brethren at the temple. Present: Presidents L. Snow and J. F. Smith, Apostles B. Young, F. M. Lyman, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, J. W. Taylor, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, A. O. Woodruff, myself, and Reed Smoot; also G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "God Moves in a Mysterious Way." The brethren clothed; Apostle J. W. Taylor was mouth in

prayer, and M. F. Cowley was mouth in the circle. Song, "O My Father."

A letter from Geo. Stewart of Malad was read by the clerk. He wrote suggesting the organization of a new stake in that district of country. No action was taken in the matter.

I made some remarks suggesting the division of some of the larger stakes, such as Utah, Cache, Weber, and San Pete. Apostle H. J. Grant spoke favoring the suggestion. Pres. Snow remarked that it was a matter worthy of the deepest consideration and suggested that the matter be laid on the table until the return of Pres. Cannon and Apostle J. H. Smith.

A letter was submitted from Bp. E[phraim] Lambert of the Woodland Ward, Wasatch Stake. Owing to circumstances, he said, he could not give that attention to his bishopric that its importance demanded. He also explained that he had a family of boys growing up and but little land to provide for them. If agreeable, he would like to be released to go to the Big Horn country. It was decided to release him.

Stake conference appointments: Weber, H. J. Grant, Reed Smoot; Tooele, A. H. Lund; to Cache Stake for purpose of reorganizing some of the wards there, F. M. Lyman and J. W. Taylor; to Spanish Fork to dedicate a meeting house, myself. The question as to whether trains should be allowed to run to Saltair on Sundays was discussed. It seemed to be the conclusion of the brethren that inasmuch as the other summer resorts could not be controlled, the object had in view could not be accomplished by stopping the Sunday trains.

Pres. W. C. Parkinson of the Pocatello Stake reported that Bp. I. Thorn of Rockland desired, for good and proper reasons, to be released, and in view of said desire, he recommended E[phraim] Ralphs to succeed him. The recommendation was adopted. Apostles J. W. Taylor, H. J. Grant, and Reed Smoot were appointed a committee to consider matters [relating] to conditions in the mission fields. Apostle Grant reported the visit of himself, Reed Smoot, and myself to the Utah Stake and the changes effected. Apostle Teasdale reported his visit to the Emery Stake and the reorganizing of the Lawrence Ward with Christian Miller, bishop.

Apostle B. Young said that inasmuch as the church had purchased the Lion House from the Brigham Young Trust Co. the

Twelve should be provided with an office therein. Benediction by Apostle F. M. Lyman.

**Saturday, 21 April 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. I spent the forenoon at the President's office, working on the Brigham City Roller Mill books. In the afternoon Lydia and myself went to the matinee to see "Quo Vadis." We enjoyed the piece very much.

**Thursday, 26 April 1900**

Salt Lake City. Raining. Meeting of the brethren at the temple. Present: Pres[idents] Snow and Smith, Apostles B. Young, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, A. H. Lund, myself, Reed Smoot, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "Zion Stands with Hills Surrounded." Apostle Reed Smoot was mouth in prayer, Pres. J. F. Smith was mouth in the circle.

Stake conference appointments: Cache, Apostles F. M. Lyman and Geo. Teasdale; Bannock, M. F. Cowley. It was learned from a letter written from Cairo, Cassia—a branch of some 200 souls—that the people there had not been visited by any of the church authorities for many months. The matter was referred to Apostle Lyman.

Apostle H. J. Grant reported the visit of himself and Reed Smoot to the Weber Stake. In relation to the Utah Loan and Trust Co. he said it would take about \$30,000 to wind up the business and this, he said, ought to be done at once. It was suggested by Pres. Smith that Apostles Grant and Smoot be authorized to make a final effort to raise means by subscription from some of the wealthy men of Ogden and that the church make good the shortage should there be any. The suggestion was adopted. Apostle Grant reported the Weber Stake as being in a bad condition spiritually. This, he thought, was due to the lethargy of the stake presidency. There was plenty of evidence to show that the president of the stake had neglected his official duties for years. Apostles Lyman and Teasdale were appointed a committee to take up a labor with Pres. S[hurtliff], and to show him the necessity of immediate reformation.

I reported my visit to Spanish Fork and the dedication of the Spanish Fork 1st Ward meeting house. Said that the building cost

about \$5300, and the work was carried on during the years 1898 and 1899, and submitted the following report of tithing paid in that ward to show that the tithing was not lessened by reason of this accomplishment: tithing paid in 1896, [blank]; tithing paid in 1897, [blank]; tithing paid in 1898, [blank]; tithing paid in 1899, [blank]. Benediction by Apostle Geo. Teasdale.

### **Sunday, 29 April 1900**

Salt Lake City. Raining, mild. 8:45 a.m. Accompanied by Lydia and Samuel, I took a street car to Mill Creek to attend meeting there, at which the presidency of the Granite Stake and other visitors were expected to be present. At 15th Street we were met by a carriage and driven to the Mill Creek Ward house. It was still raining when we arrived.

10 a.m. Sunday school session, Elder Jos. Carlisle presiding. J. F. S[mith]. Training the young. Said he used to herd stock all over the Mill Creek country, when there was not a house or a tree here. In the fall of 1849 he hauled, he said, some 30 loads of wood from the Mill Creek canyon with an ox team. Attended the dedication of the house in which we were assembled some 33 years ago.

2 p.m. Meeting crowded, Bp. [James C.] Hamilton presiding. J. F. S[mith]. Alluded to the Stake President [Frank Y. Taylor] and spoke of his long acquaintance with his father, the late Pres. Jno. Taylor, and his integrity to the Lord. Spoke of the [anti-polygamy] Crusade and how Pres. Taylor, himself, and others had taken to the "underground." Related his underground experience and spoke of his mission to the Sandwich Islands. Dwelt upon the sacred character of the high priesthood and how it is to be exercised. Read a revelation treating upon the subject. The deadly sin of treachery or the betrayal of one's brother. Said he desired to be true to God and his brethren. Invoked the blessings of the Lord upon the stake organizations.

### **Thursday, 3 May 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 11 a.m. Meeting of the brethren at the temple. Present: Pres. J. F. Smith, Apostles B. Young, F. M. Lyman, Geo. Teasdale, A. H. Lund, myself, and Reed Smoot; also G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth."



Apostle F. M. Lyman was mouth in prayer, and I was mouth in the circle. Song.

Elder Platte D. Lyman, president of the European Mission, wrote in relation to purchasing a mission house in Bristol. He said one could be bought for \$800.00. Apostle Grant moved that we recommend to the First Presidency that they purchase the property, with the understanding that the saints pay back the purchase price in the shape of rent at \$25 [\$125] per year. Carried.

Apostle Lund also stated that there was an opportunity to purchase a mission house in Copenhagen and thought it should be done. With what the people had already saved, it would take \$1600 to purchase the place and remodel the building. It was moved and carried that we recommend to Pres. Snow that the church donate the \$1600 required.

Apostle[s] Teasdale and Grant and Smoot were appointed to attend the funeral of the victims of the coal mine disaster at the Pleasant Valley Coal Mine, Scofield, Utah. (In explanation of this matter, would say that on May 1st, 1900, there was a terrible explosion at the mine above referred to, and as a result, it is thought some 250 miners perished. 224 bodies have already been taken out of the mine. It is the greatest disaster of the kind that ever occurred in the United States.)

Apostle Reed Smoot reported the organizing, last Sunday, of the Leland Ward, Utah Stake, with Wm. D. C. Markham as bishop. Apostle Lyman reported the reorganization of the following wards in the Cache Stake: Smithfield Ward, with Newton Woodruff as bishop; Richmond with Thos. H. Merrill as bishop; Wellsville with Evan R. Owen as bishop; Mendon with Jno. H. Anderson as bishop; Logan 2nd Ward with Anton Anderson as bishop; Logan 3d Ward with Richard Yates as bishop. At the stake conference held later the following brethren were ordained patriarchs: ex-bishop [George L.] Farrell of Smithfield, ex-bishop [Henry] Hughes of Mendon, ex-bishop Henry Ballard of Logan.

Singing. Benediction by Apostle Teasdale.

### Wednesday, 9 May 1900

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. By request of Pres. Snow, I am getting up a report showing just what the recent seizure of church property by the government of the United States (and which was

afterwards returned to the church) cost the church. Of course, there were many expenses connected with the handling of this property—such as attorneys fees, clerk hire, &c., &c. I am getting my data from the receivers' reports filed with the supreme court of the state, which cover a period of some 9 years. I spent the day engaged in this work.

#### **Thursday, 10 May 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 11 a.m. Meeting of the brethren at the temple. Present: Presidents L. Snow, G. Q. Cannon, and J. F. Smith, and Apostles B. Young, F. M. Lyman, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, A. H. Lund, R. Clawson, Reed Smoot, G. F. Gibbs, clerk.

The clerk read a letter from Platte D. Lyman in which he stated that he had received a letter from the president [Arnold H. Schulthess] of the German Mission, saying the elders were having trouble in Hamburg, being persecuted by the authorities, who had made an effort to get possession of church records. They, however, failed as the records had been removed to Berlin. Baptisms in Germany were double this year so far what they were last year. He desired permission, he said, to print a cheap edition of the Book of Mormon in England, which could be done, he claimed, for 6 cts. a piece. To the brethren this seemed incredible and it was decided to write for a sample of the class of work the printers would do.

The question of the reorganization of the presidency of the Cassia Stake was submitted by Pres. Snow. Apostle Cowley suggested Elder Wm. T. Jack, late president of the S. W. States Mission, for president and spoke highly of his capabilities for said position. He then moved that Elder Jack be the choice of the council; seconded by Pres. G. Q. Cannon. Remarks were called for. Apostle J. H. Smith said there were a number of capable men in the stake who would make good presidents, and named Bp. [William T.] Harper, a son [Hector C. Haight] of the late Horton D. Haight, and others.

Apostle Lyman stated that there was an important matter he wished to lay before the brethren, but as some of the brethren wished to be excused from the meeting, an adjournment was taken until 2 p.m. Benediction by Apostle J. H. Smith.

After the meeting some informal talk was indulged in and it

was agreed among the brethren that Elder W. T. Jack with Jno. L. Smith and Bp. Harper would make a strong presidency for the Cassia Stake.

2 p.m. Adjourned [reconvened] meeting. The same brethren were in attendance. The motion to sustain Elder Wm. T. Jack as president of the Cassia Stake was put and carried by unanimous vote. Apostle Lyman, as a member of the committee on church publications, submitted a sample of the size of book and the style of type for the *History of the Prophet Joseph Smith and the Church*, to be edited by Elder B. H. Roberts. Adopted by unanimous vote.

The question as to whether the church, as a church, should contribute to the fund that is being raised for the relief of the sufferers of the great mine explosion at Scofield (and which fund now amounts to about \$89,000) was discussed. There was quite a diversity of opinion. Some of the brethren took the ground that, as many Mormon business organizations as well as members of the church had and were contributing, and also inasmuch as the church would be expected to support the widows and orphans the church ought not, therefore, to contribute. Others took the view that on account of the extent and greatness of the calamity, and the large number of our people who were killed (it was estimated that one third of the total number of victims—namely, about 224—were Mormons) and the readiness with which all classes in and out of the church were contributing, the church ought therefore [to] make a donation. Some of the brethren suggested \$5000. Those who were in favor of making a contribution were Apostles F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, H. J. Grant, A. H. Lund, Reed Smoot, and myself. Those who opposed were Presidents Cannon and J. F. Smith, and Apostles Geo. Teasdale, B. Young, and M. F. Cowley. It was finally decided to refer the matter to President Snow for decision and action. President Snow remarked that he would split the difference and fix the contribution at \$2500, which was assented to by the brethren. Meeting adjourned.

#### Sunday, 13 May 1900

Heber City. Cloudy and cool. 10 a.m. Gathering of the Sunday School children in the [Wasatch] Stake Tabernacle, which is a fine rock building. The interior is well finished and is quite roomy,

having seating capacity for about a 1000 people. Dimensions: 60 x 90 ft. The building was completed and dedicated about 11 years ago. Wm. Lindsay, Supt., presided.

Remarks were made by Apostle Reed Smoot and myself. Topics treated. R. S[moot]. Importance of Sunday School work. Power of habit. Admonished the children, that whatever they put their hands to, to do it well. Spoke of the cleanliness of the tabernacle and said it was evidence of a good janitor. R. C[lawson]. Good order. Punctuality. Responsibility of parents and Sunday School teachers to our children.

Apostle Smoot, Pres. [Abram] Hatch, myself, and one or two others had an interview with high councillor, Jno. W. Witt, and Martha Witt in reference to the application of Martha Witt for a divorce from Elder Jno. W. Witt. She was his plural wife. It developed during the interview that Brother Witt had neglected his wife—Sister Martha—in divers ways: that he had deeded his first wife a good home with 44 acres of land and that he had not provided for Martha at all. She asked that he be required to deed her 40 acres of land, which he was in a position to do. It was our decision that he do this. All the brethren present concurred. Brother Witt did not seem willing to accept the decision and asked for time to consider the matter, and was given until 4 p.m.

2 p.m. Continuation of conference, Pres. A. Hatch presiding. The speakers were Pres. A. Hatch, Apostle Reed Smoot, and myself. Topics treated. A. H[atch]. Financial condition of the stake [was] good and spiritual condition fair. The tithing paid in 1897, \$7700; in 1898, \$7900; in 1899, \$14,399. Word of Wisdom. Large number of missionaries from the Wasatch Stake in the field. The saloon evil.

R. S[moot]. Expressed a desire to magnify the office of an apostle. The great evil existing in the world and to some extent among our people of restricting and limiting by unlawful means the number of children in our families; warned the saints against the practice. The evil growing out of club life and secret societies. Word of wisdom. Virtue among the Jews. The judgments of God being poured out upon the nations. Tithing.

R. C[lawson]. Necessity of continual repentance. Read from the Book of Mormon to show how prone to do evil were the Nephites, and also showed how prone to do evil are the saints in

our day, notwithstanding they were and are accomplishing great things.

4 p.m. Priesthood meeting, Pres. Hatch presiding. Apostle Reed Smoot took up the question of non-tithe-payers. Said that the duty of visiting and converting non-tithe-payers rests upon the bishopric of the wards. Gave some important instructions upon the matter of tithe-paying. R. C[lawson]. I made remarks upon the same subject and suggested that it be the duty of the bishop and one or both of his counselors to visit and convert, if possible, *each* non-tithe-payer.

7:30 p.m. Young Men's meeting, Jas. H. Moulton presiding. R. C[lawson]. Loyalty to the cause of Mutual Improvement. Fund. [Improvement] Era. My call to the ministry as president of the Box Elder Stake, and how the Lord had blessed and provided for me. R. S[moot]. Related a vision he had while on a mission to England, which was fulfilled and which he related to a railroad conductor to prove the existence of a God. Bore a strong testimony of the truth.

Meeting of the priesthood and brethren to be set apart. Remarks were made by Pres. Hatch, Reed Smoot, and myself in relation to the members of the high council and alternates keeping the word of wisdom and paying tithing. We all felt they should do so or resign. The alternates now about to be set apart were questioned and said they would endeavor to observe these laws.

#### Thursday, 17 May 1900

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 11 a.m. Meeting of the brethren in the temple. Present: the First Presidency, Apostles B. Young, J. H. Smith, H. J. Grant, J. W. Taylor, myself, Reed Smoot, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "Come, Come, Ye Saints." Prayer by Apostle H. J. Grant; A. H. Lund was mouth in the circle. Song, "Do What Is Right."

Stake conferences: San Juan, Apostle B. Young; Granite, A. H. Lund and H. J. Grant; Millard, F. M. Lyman; Box Elder, R. Clawson. There was some discussion as to the importance of interrogating elders who are called upon missions to ascertain their character and fitness for missionary labor. Pres. Cannon said this duty was given to the apostles some time ago, but for some reason had not been attended to in many cases. Pres. J. F. Smith explained that in many instances it would be impossible for the

apostles to attend to the matter, as many of the elders come from stakes long distances away. It was the mind of the brethren that where the apostles could not attend to it, bishops of wards and presidents of stakes should exercise more than ordinary care in the selection of elders.

The question relating to the propriety of building an addition to the west end of the assembly hall, and then occupying the building when not used for other purposes with the Latter-day Saints College, was discussed. A letter suggesting the plan herein referred to from Prof. J. H. Paul was read. A number of the brethren talked upon the subject developing a difference of opinion. The points in favor of the project were the central locality of the building and the comparative inexpensiveness of arranging and remodeling the assembly hall for school purposes. It was estimated that \$30,000 would cover the cost of making the change. The points against it were that the building was never intended to be used for school purposes and that there would be no campus or playground for the children. The general sentiment of the meeting was against the idea.

Apostle H. J. Grant suggested that an effort be made to secure the Spencer Clawson wholesale dry goods building for the occupancy of the Latter-day Saints College. It could be done, he thought, upon this basis, namely, by the church releasing Spencer Clawson's obligation to the church of \$40,000 and paying \$20,000 in cash. Apostle Grant was appointed to investigate the matter and see what could be done.

Apostle Grant reported the condition of the Utah Loan and Trust Co. affairs. Said that \$52,000 could be realized from the assets and that it would require \$30,000 more to close up the business. There had been already about \$80,000 raised and paid over through the efforts of the committee. Pres. Snow said that, if the committee would accept \$25,000 as the amount to close up the matter, the church would furnish that amount. The committee accepted the proffer.

I asked if it would be proper for the president of a mission to require an elder to pay tithing on money received from home and which had already been tithed. The answer was no, and the clerk was instructed to notify presidents of missions to that effect. Benediction by Apostle Reed Smoot.

Note: I failed to state in the account of my visit to the Wasatch Stake that upon Monday, May the 14th, 1900, High Councillor Jno. W. Witt reported that he could not comply with the decision of the brethren given May 13th. In view of his failure to comply with said decision, his name was not presented to the conference as a high councillor and Pres. [Abram] Hatch was instructed to bring the matter to the attention of the high council for further action.

**Friday, 18 May 1900**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and mild. I spent the day at the city and county building, working on the statement of the church property seizure by the government. I have now secured all the necessary data to get out a full and complete report, which I shall do at the earliest possible moment.

**Thursday, 24 May 1900**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and mild. 10 a.m. Meeting of the Twelve at the temple. Present: Apostles B. Young, J. H. Smith, H. J. Grant, Geo. Teasdale, J. W. Taylor, A. H. Lund, myself, Reed Smoot, and M. F. Cowley. Singing. Prayer by Reed Smoot. Singing.

There was some discussion upon the question as to just what members of the church should be listed as tithe-payers. It was the unanimous view of the brethren that wage earners, producers, and interest receivers should [be] include[d] and [this] covers all who ought to pay tithing—although others may be permitted to do so.

At 11 o'clock the Presidency came in. The brethren clothed. Singing. Prayer by Apostle Geo. Teasdale; Apostle B. Young was mouth in the circle. The brethren disrobed, and sang.

A letter from Bp. Thos. Judd of Lund Ward, Nevada, was read by the clerk. He said it would be very much better for the welfare and convenience of the people of his ward to be detached from the Millard Stake and taken to the St. George Stake. He also said he had selected his counselors. By unanimous vote his selection of counselors was approved and his ward attached to the St. George Stake, and the clerk was instructed to send out the proper notices of said change. Apostle B. Young reported his visit to the Moab Ward, and Apostle Teasdale to the Franklin Ward last Sunday.

Apostle Grant said he had had an interview with Spencer Clawson in relation to getting his building for college purposes

and found that it would not be feasible. Pres. Snow suggested that perhaps the "Cannon House" on 1st South St. with some changes would be a suitable building for the college. The idea seemed to meet with favorable consideration, but no definite action was taken. It was suggested that in case a college building were erected the most suitable loca[tion] for it would be the northwest corner of the tithing block. That was readily conceded by all present. Benediction by Apostle H. J. Grant.

Two very nice rooms in the Templeton Building that had been fixed up for the use of the General Sunday School Board [were] dedicated at 3 p.m. I had the pleasure of being in attendance. Presidents Cannon, J. F. Smith, Apostles H. J. Grant, Geo. Teasdale, and other members of the board were present; also Apostles J. H. Smith, J. W. Taylor, Reed Smoot, and others.

Remarks were made by Pres. Geo. Q. Cannon. The dedicatory prayer was offered by Pres. J. F. Smith. Remarks were made by Pres. J. F. Smith and others in regard to secret societies and they expressed the view, which seemed to be shared by all present, that officers in the Sunday Schools who belonged to secret societies and who were not willing to withdraw should be quietly weeded out.

### Tuesday, 29 May 1900

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. I spent the day at the President's office working on the statement of the church property confiscation by the government, and completed it with the result as shown on the following page [of the diary].

The following is a carefully prepared statement (the data having been taken from the reports of receivers Frank H. Dyer, Henry W. Lawrence, and Jno. R. Winder) showing the amount and kinds of church property taken possession of by the government, its handling and final disposition, in the following entitled case, to wit:

*The United States of America*  
versus  
*The late Corporation of the Church of*  
*Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*

Real estate taken possession of by receiver Frank H. Dyer:	
Gardo House, valued at	50,000
Historian's office, valued at	20,000



Tithing office and yard, valued at	75,000
Church farm, valued at	110,000
Half interest in coal lands at Grass Creek near Coalville, Summit Co., containing 235 acres more or less, valued at	30,000
total valuation	\$285,000

The above real estate was afterwards returned to the church by decree of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Personal property taken possession of by receiver Frank H. Dyer, as follows, to wit:

800 shares Salt Lake City Gas Co.'s stock valued at	80,000
4732 shares Deseret Telegraph Co.'s stock, valued at	20,000
30,000 head of sheep, valued at	52,500
Promissory notes	24,833
Interest accrued on same	2,980
total valuation	\$180,313

The gas stock and sheep were afterwards sold and turned into cash and the telegraph stock was returned to the church.

Cash received and taken possession of by receivers Frank H. Dyer, Henry W. Lawrence, and Jno. R. Winder from Nov. 1st, 1887, to June 4, 1896, to wit:

Received from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for rental of Gardo House	12,507.85
Recd. from Keeley Institute for rental of Gardo House	3,600.00
Recd. from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for rental of tithing office and yards and historian's office	22,559.23
Recd. from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for rental of church farm	12,318.50
Recd. from lease of church farm to F. A. Mitchell	6,139.00
Accepted cash from the church in lieu of the following property, to wit:	
Angus M. Cannon lot	5,500.00

Part of Constitution Block	36,241.15	
Wells corner	42,925.00	
S. L. City Railroad,	45,000.00	
Interest on same since sale	6,000.00	
Provo Mfg. Co.'s stock	22,000.00	
Deseret News Co.'s stock	5,000.00	
Interest on note of \$157,666.15—		
W. Woodruff et al.	2,233.60	
Compromise on personal		
property	75,000.00	239,899.75
Recd. dividends on gas stock	20,200.00	
for gas stock sold	100,000.00	120,200.00
Recd. interest on church funds		
deposited in sundry banks		53,121.36
Recd. from lease of sheep	15,039.85	
from sale of sheep	45,404.75	60,444.60
Recd. from church coal mine		
lease		318.72
Recd. on theatre notes		24,833.31
Recd. account office rent		35.00
Recd. account fire loss on Gardo	70.00	
insurance rebate	12.45	82.45
Total receipts		\$556,059.77

Cash disbursed by receivers Frank H. Dyer, Henry W. Lawrence, and John R. Winder from Nov. 1st, 1887, to June 4th, 1896, as follows, to wit:

Paid clerk hire, stationery, and office		
rent, &c. account receivers		8,429.45
Paid legal expense, namely: attorney's fees,		
Special masters fees, and other		
court expenses	25,582.00	
Stenographers fees	2,489.64	28,071.64
Paid receivers fees, to wit:		
Frank H. Dyer	15,540.00	
Henry W. Lawrence	10,941.60	
John R. Winder	1,260.00	27,741.60
Paid sundry trips, acct. receivers		347.70
Paid for acct. sheep expense, viz.,		

for camp outfits, herding, &c.		19,759.80
Paid for advertising		415.55
Paid for taxes		6,857.00
Paid acct. Gardo House repairs and improvements:		
General repairs	3,305.94	
Paving tax	2,420.37	
Plumbing	1,205.20	
Sewer connection	1,997.47	
Painting	789.00	
Insurance premiums	842.73	10,560.71
Paid acct. tithing office repairs and imp[rovements]:		
General repairs	127.25	
Plumbing	661.45	
Iron roof	390.75	
Shingling Em. House	96.00	1275.45
Paid acct. Church farm repairs and improvements		984.74
Paid acct. Historian's office repairs		37.44
"Paid the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day saints—paid W. Woodruff, Geo. Q. Cannon, and Jos. F. Smith, the First Presidency of said church— in compliance with the order of the Supreme Court of Utah of January 10th, 1894, voucher 213"	438,174.39	
Paid the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints— June 4th, [18]96	13,404.30	451,578.69
Total disbursements		\$556,059.77

The following summary taken from the foregoing statement, with the legal expense borne by the church added, shows the actual loss sustained by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints by reason of the unlawful seizure of its property by the government of the United States of America:

Clerk hire, stationery, office rent, &c. acct. receivers	8,429.45
Legal expense, namely: attorney's fees special masters fees, and other	

court expenses	25,582.00	
Stenographers fees	2,489.64	28,071.64
Receivers fees, to wit:		
Frank H. Dyer	15,540.00	
Henry W. Lawrence	10,941.60	
Jno. R. Winder	1,260.00	27,741.60
Sundry trips account receivers,		347.70
Sheep expense, viz.,		
for camp outfits, herding, &c.		19,759.80
Advertising		415.55
Total receivers' expenses		84,765.74
Legal expense borne by the church in recovering the property		14,285.00
Total loss to the church		99,050.74

### Wednesday, 30 May 1900

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. Decoration Day. 7 a.m. Accompanied by Lydia and Rudger, I left by rail for Brigham City, arriving at 9 a.m. During the forenoon we went to the cemetery where two of our children are buried and decorated their graves. There were hundreds of people at the cemetery during the morning hours according to previous custom, decorating the last resting place of loved ones gone before.

### Thursday, 31 May 1900

Salt Lake City, Clear and warm. 11 a.m. Meeting of the brethren at the temple. Present: Presidents G. Q. Cannon and J. F. Smith, Apostles B. Young, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, A. H. Lund, R. Clawson, Reed Smoot, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "O My Father." Prayer by Pres. G. Q. Cannon; Pres. J. F. Smith was mouth in the circle.

A letter from Brother M. Thomas, presiding elder of the Ann Arbor Mich[igan] Branch, was read. Reported that the members of the branch—consisting in the main of young people attending the Ann Arbor school—were feeling well and attending to the duties of their religion.

Two letters from Apostle A. O. Woodruff [were] read. They gave an account of the journey of the colonists to the Big Horn country, saying that they got along very nicely without serious

trouble or accident, except in the case of a 3-year-old girl who died from natural causes.

Conference appointments: San Pete, J. H. Smith and A. H. L[und]; Pocatello, H. J. Grant and Reed Smoot; Salt Lake Stake, Presidents G. Q. Cannon [and] J. F. Smith, Apostles Geo. Teasdale and R. Clawson. Apostle H. J. Grant recommended that Bp. [Apollos G.] Driggs of Sugar House Ward be released and Millen Atwood [be] appointed in his stead. He said that Bp. Driggs had neglected the law of tithing and was quite delinquent in other respects. Recommendation approved.

Pres. Cannon reported the visit of the First Presidency and some of the Twelve, last Sunday and Monday, to the Oneida Stake Conference. Said the attendance was crowded and the meetings were quite spirited.

The clerk read a letter from Elder James Clove in which he suggested that an effort ought to be made to secure to one of our people a place on the Republican National Committee. It was the sense of the meeting that, under the approval of Pres. Snow, Apostle Reed Smoot try for the place. Benediction by Apostle A. H. Lund.

### **Saturday, 2 June 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. 8 a.m. I spent an hour with Fred [Clawson], who is still working on my teeth. 10 a.m. Salt Lake Stake Conference in the tabernacle, Pres. A. M. Cannon presiding. Attendance light, there being only about 175 people present, which is a very poor showing for the Salt Lake Stake.

Jno. Kirkman, high councillor and clerk at the tithing office, spoke briefly and said that the payment of tithes and offerings was increasing every month. Many young people were beginning to pay tithing.

Pres. J. F. Smith spoke of the visit of the Presidency to the Oneida Stake and the large attendance at the meetings, and this in contrast with the attendance at the Salt Lake Stake Conference. Spoke of the growth of Zion and how the saints were obtaining influence in the world because of their stability of character, honesty, truthfulness, and sincerity. Spoke of the duties devolving upon the Relief Society sisters, Young Ladies, and Primary Associations.

12:30 noon. Brother and Sister Fruen and daughter were set apart and blessed to make a visit to the old country under the hands of Pres. J. F. Smith and myself, Pres. Smith being mouth in blessing Brother Fruen and daughter and I in blessing Sister Fruen.

2 p.m. Continuation of conference. Attendance about the same as in the morning. Meeting called to order by Pres. A. M. Cannon. The speakers were myself and Pres. G. Q. Cannon.

R. C[lawson]. I made remarks in respect to the small attendance and said that it seemed to me that it would be better to have one day's conference with two good-spirited meetings, than two days' conference and one of these two days a partial failure—at least so far as attendance is concerned. The importance of all stake officers, such as the presidency of the stake, high councillors, bishopric[s] of the wards, stake presidencies of organizations, and quorums of the priesthood being present at stake conferences. Respect and reverence for the priesthood.

Pres. G. Q. C[annon]. Almost felt to make a motion that the Salt Lake Stake conferences be confined to one day. Honoring the priesthood. Proper teachings for our children. Marriage. Neglect of our young people in attending meetings of the church.

7 p.m. Brother Jos. Watkins of Beaver Ward, Box Elder Stake, called in. He said he had just returned from Loa, Wayne County, where he had gone, accompanying Elder Elmer Loveland, to see Brother [Elias H.] Blackburn, Patriarch. Brother Loveland, it seems, is suffering from a cancer in his breast and throat, which is growing very fast, and without help would undoubtedly soon kill him. Patriarch Blackburn has the gift of healing in a marked degree, and it was for the purpose of putting himself under his care and ministrations that Brother Loveland had gone to Loa. Brother Watkins stated that after a visit of only a few days Brother Elmer was greatly improved with fair prospects for complete recovery to health—notwithstanding that, in the opinion of many and especially doctors, he would surely die. I am watching the case with great interest.

#### Thursday, 7 June 1900

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. 11 a.m. Meeting of the First Presidency and council of Apostles in the temple. Present: Presi-

dents G. Q. Cannon and J. F. Smith, B. Young, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, J. W. Taylor, A. H. Lund, R. Clawson, Reed Smoot. Singing. The brethren clothed. Prayer by Apostle Reed Smoot, Apostle J. H. Smith was mouth in the circle. Singing.

The clerk read a letter from Elder Andrew Kimball, pres. of the St. Joseph Stake. He desired to know if any of the apostles would be present at his next stake conference. Also said he had secured a railroad contract for the benefit of himself and some of the brethren of the stake, but that, while the work was in progress, some of the brethren returned home and left him in the lurch. He felt confident, he said, of being able to fill the contract without loss to himself, and possibly with a profit. He would appreciate a word of encouragement from the brethren. The clerk was instructed to get him up a nice letter.

A letter from the presidency of the Utah Stake was read. They said that Bp. W. D. Robinson of American Fork was in poor health and the ward in a bad condition and felt a change ought to be made. Pres. Cannon remarked that Bp. Robinson was a dying man and that in his opinion it would be unwise to make any change at present. Action was, therefore, deferred.

Pres. Angus M. Cannon of the Salt Lake Stake reported that he had advised Elder Jno. C. Sharp, late bishop of the Vernon Ward, who had recently moved into Salt Lake, to settle in the 3rd Ward with the view of making him bishop of that ward and desired to know if the brethren felt to sustain said action. There was some discussion in relation to the matter—mainly upon the question as to whether or not a suitable person for bishop could be found among the old residents of the ward. No definite action was taken.

Apostle J. H. Smith was appointed to go to Baker City, in company with Pres. [George C.] Parkinson of Preston, to ascertain whether the people of Baker City wish to remain attached to the Oneida Stake, or be attached to the N.W. States Mission, or to the Pocatello Stake which is nearer than Oneida. Pres. J. W. Paxman of Juab Stake desired that an apostle be sent to reorganize the Eureka Ward bishopric, the former bishop having moved away. The clerk was instructed to write Pres. Paxman to send in his recommendation as to the man for the place.

Apostle H. J. Grant reported that the resignation of Bp. [Apollos G.] Driggs of the Sugar House Ward had been accepted

and Millen Atwood had been selected to fill the vacancy. Upon motion Apostle Grant's report was adopted. Apostle Grant also recommended that a change be made in the bishopric of the Big Cottonwood Ward, Granite Stake. Pres. Cannon suggested that, if said change were necessary, that the president of the stake address a letter to the Presidency of the church asking that it be made. Suggestion approved.

It was moved and carried that Elder Jas. E. Daniels be ordained a patriarch. Brother Daniels resides in Provo.

Pres. W. H. Smart of the Eastern States Mission raised a question by letter in relation to the payment of tithing by the elders in the mission field. It was the sense of the meeting that means sent to elders from home, and which had already been tithed, should not be tithed again (except upon request of the elder) but that all other means received by them should be tithed. Benediction by Elder J. W. Taylor.

### Monday, 11 June 1900

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. 2 p.m. Continuation of [Y.M.M.I.A.] officers meeting. Topics treated: Missionary work in general, [by] J. G. Kimball and F[rank] Y. Taylor.

The question as to whether the annual conference of the Young Men should continue to be held in June or should be called for October immediately preceding the general conference of the church was discussed. June was the time decided upon. The question as to whether a convention of stake superintendents and ward presidents should be called for the purpose of giving them instructions such as have been given to Young Mens' missionaries heretofore was discussed. The matter was referred to the general board for action—they to decide either upon a convention or to send written instructions to the officers referred to.

4:30 p.m. Meeting of the general board at the President's office, Pres. J. F. Smith presiding and 17 members present. The principal subject of discussion was in relation to the *Improvement Era*—as to whether we should reduce the price from \$2.00 to \$1.50, or combine it with the *Young Ladies' [Woman's] Journal*. It was decided to keep it distinct and let the price remain at \$2.00 per annum.

8 p.m. The Y.M.M.I.A. Oratorical Contest held in the assembly



hall, Pres. J. F. Smith presiding. The judges were: Elder B. H. Roberts, Bp. O. F. Whitney, and Elder G. H. Brimhall. Prizes offered: 1st prize for best oration, gold medal; 2nd prize for 2nd best oration, three volumes of *Impt. Era*.

"Joseph Smith's first vision," Alma Taylor.

"Early persecutions of the saints," Thos. J. Howells.

"Thou shalt not," W. J. Sloane.

"Joseph Smith: his mission and persecutions," Mark C. Brown.

"The philosophy of trial," C. H. Carlquist.

The judges rendered their decision giving to W. J. Sloane the first prize and to Mark C. Brown the 2nd prize. It was truly a most interesting and instructive contest, though the audience did not seem to be altogether satisfied with the decision. There appeared to be a pretty general sentiment in favor of Alma Taylor.

#### Thursday, 14 June 1900

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. 11 a.m. Meeting of the authorities at the temple. Present: Presidents Cannon and Smith, Apostles B. Young, F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, A. H. Lund, J. W. Taylor, M. F. Cowley, R. Clawson, Reed Smoot, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Singing. Prayer by Elder M. F. Cowley, Elder J. W. Taylor being mouth in the circle.

The clerk read a letter from Apostle A. O. Woodruff. He said that over 100 teams were at work on the canal in the Big Horn country. He had traveled, he said, over 850 miles since he left home. He reported that some few of the colonists had become dissatisfied and returned to Utah, but the majority of them remained and were determined to do their duty.

A letter was read from Elder Jesse W. Crosby, who went with Brother Woodruff. Said he was surprised the country in the Big Horn had not been settled before. Gave a good account of his surroundings. Said there was plenty of feed, water, timber, and coal (in the mountains).

Elder J. W. Paxman, pres. [of the] Juab Stake, wrote, asking that an apostle be sent to Eureka to reorganize the ward there. Apostle Smoot was appointed to go.

Apostle J. W. Taylor reported the visit of himself and Reed Smoot to the Morgan Stake. Had canvassed for the best men to fill the vacancy in the presidency of the stake caused by the death

of Pres. Richard Fry and would recommend W. H. Rich for president, Chas. Welsh for 1st counselor, and Richard Fry for 2nd counselor, and Samuel Francis for patriarch. The recommendation was adopted by unanimous vote. Benediction by Apostle J. H. Smith.

### **Wednesday, 20 June 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. I spent the day at the President's office, investigating the Liverpool office accounts, as furnished by a statement from them. As the accounts as between the Liverpool office and the President's office are a little obscure, I suggested a means by which they may be straightened out and be kept straight in the future. A letter was written to Elder Platte D. Lyman, president of the European Mission, asking for the information desired.

At 5 p.m. attended a meeting of the general board of the Y.M.M.I.A. Later took the family out for a carriage ride.

### **Thursday, 21 June 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. 11 a.m. Meeting of the brethren at the temple. Present: Presidents G. Q. Cannon and J. F. Smith, Apostles B. Young, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, A. H. Lund, R. Clawson, Reed Smoot, A. O. Woodruff, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "The Glorious Day Is Rolling on." I was mouth in prayer, and Apostle Lund was mouth in the circle. Song, "O Jesus! the Giver."

The clerk read a letter from the presidency of the St. George Stake. They had received a letter, they said, from a young man in the Southern States Mission field, who asked for financial help because of certain requirements made of him by the president of the mission. It was decided to write a letter to Ben E. Rich, the president, asking him for a statement showing the condition of the mission and explaining the reason for making certain requirements of missionaries, such as, a deposit of \$50.00 in the mission office to meet the expense of sickness and for other emergencies, and also requiring each elder to purchase and dispose of one Book of Mormon monthly.

A letter was read from the presidency of the Kanab Stake in which they stated that two wards in their stake were without

bishops, and asking for an apostle to be sent to effect reorganization. No action taken.

The clerk read a letter from Pres. W. H. Seegmiller of the Sevier Stake, in which he stated that they had selected bishops for three of the wards of their stake, and asking for an apostle to be present at the next quarterly conference to set them apart. Apostle A. H. Lund was appointed to attend to the matter.

Stake conference appointments: Fremont Stake, Presidents Cannon and Smith, and R. Clawson; St. Joseph Stake, H. J. Grant; Sevier Stake, A. H. Lund; Beaver, F. M. Lyman; Bingham, Reed Smoot. President Cannon said that in view of some important matters needing attention two of the brethren were wanted—one to go to Portland and the other to Mexico. The brethren selected were Apostles J. H. Smith and H. J. Grant, and upon a few hours notice only, they would be ready to leave. He was delighted, he said, at the readiness with which the brethren responded.

Reed Smoot reported that he had assisted in reorganizing the bishopric of the Eureka Ward, with Daniel Connelly, bishop. Apostle A. O. Woodruff reported his trip to the Big Horn country in company with the colonists who were called to make a settlement there. While on their journey, he organized a branch of the church at Kemmerer with Daniel Clark, presiding elder. They encountered a blizzard at Ham's Fork in which there was much suffering among the colonists, one little girl dying. They finally reached their destination and established a small settlement giving it the name of Shoshone with a population of 300 colonists. The brethren immediately started work on the contemplated canal with 105 teams. To strengthen their cause financially, the brethren had taken a \$5000 railroad contract. During his absence Apostle Woodruff said he had traveled some 1500 miles. Benediction by Apostle B. Young.

### Monday, 25 June 1900

Rexburg, Idaho. Clear and warm. 9 a.m. The laying of the cornerstone of the Fremont Stake Academy. A large number of people were gathered and were called to order by Pres. T[homas] E. Ricks. The cornerstone was then laid under the direction of Pres. Geo. Q. Cannon. It was a large square stone weighing about 5300 lbs. The dedicatory prayer was offered by Pres. Geo. Q.

Cannon, after which an adjournment was taken to the bowery.

10 a.m. Continuation of the [Fremont Stake] Conference, Pres. Ricks presiding. I made remarks in reference to the building of the stake academy. Said it would be done, and could only be done, upon the principle of faith and union. Recounted the experience of the saints in the Box Elder Stake in the rebuilding of the Box Elder Stake Tabernacle after its destruction by fire.

Pres. G. Q. Cannon showed how the saints had been blessed by paying their tithing. If a man makes \$10.00 and pays \$1.00 tithing, the other \$9.00 will go as far as the \$10.00 would have gone if he had not paid his tithing, and further. Those who pay tithing will not apostatize. If we desire celestial glory, we must obey the laws of the celestial kingdom. We must be willing to do all things—to make every sacrifice. Explained the order of the priesthood and how that the president of the Twelve succeeds to the presidency after the death of the president. Of course, the Lord by revelation can select any man, said Pres. Cannon, to be president of the church, but following the order of the priesthood, the president of the Twelve succeeds. Further explained why Apostle Brigham Young was not sustained as president of the Twelve—it was simply because there were two others who stand ahead of him in the apostleship, namely, Pres[idents] G. Q. Cannon and J. F. Smith.

Pres. J. F. Smith followed and spoke upon the right of presidency in the church, quoting from Sec. 107, Book of D.&C. Showed that the organization of the church would be incomplete without the quorum of the First Presidency. Explained the calling of an apostle. Exhorted the saints to honor the priesthood.

Elder S. B. Young dwelt upon the Word of Wisdom. Also spoke of the bad sanitary condition of many homes among the saints and gave some good counsel regarding the matter.

#### **Thursday, 28 June 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and hot. Meeting of the brethren at the temple. Present: Presidents Geo. Q. Cannon and J. F. Smith, Apostles B. Young, F. M. Lyman, A. H. Lund, myself, A. O. Woodruff, and Reed Smoot; and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "O, Say What Is Truth." Prayer by A. O. Woodruff, and Apostle F. M. Lyman being mouth in the circle.

Bp. [William H.] Lewis of Lewiston notified the brethren that the new meeting house in his ward would be ready for dedication, July 8th, 1900, and extended an invitation to the Presidency and apostles to be present. Pres. J. F. Smith reported the visit of Pres. Cannon, himself, Elder S. B. Young, and myself to the Fremont Stake Conference and gave a brief account of the dedications and meetings held.

Apostle Reed Smoot reported the visit of himself and J. G. Kimball to the Bingham Stake Conference. There was a good attendance and excellent meetings. Organizations of the stake, he said, were in good shape.

Pres. Cannon expressed the view that the Fremont Stake is too large and should be divided. Apostle A. H. Lund reported his visit to the Sevier Stake and ordained while there a bishop for Joseph, Brooklyn, and Venice Wards.

Apostle F. M. Lyman reported the visit of himself and J. W. McMurrin to the Cardston [Alberta] (Canada) Stake Conference. While there, he said, they visited and held meetings also in a number of the wards. Organized a new ward, which they called the Taylor Ward, and also completed the organization of the Kimball Ward. Reported that new meeting houses had been erected in the Sterling and McGrath Wards. Also reported his visit to the Beaver Stake Conference.

Pres. Cannon stated that word had been received that eight or nine of the bishops of the Emery Stake were desirous of resigning, which denoted to him that something must be wrong in that stake, and it would be necessary for some of the apostles to go there. Apostle Geo. Teasdale received the appointment with the privilege of selecting two or three of the brethren to go with him.

Apostle Reed Smoot reported that he had advised the Scofield mine explosion sufferers not to take any action against the P. V. [Pleasant Valley] Coal Co. for damages, and that he would undertake to get the company to make favorable terms with them. As a result the company had agreed, he said, to give them \$106,000, which would be equal to \$500 for each sufferer. It was moved and carried that the report be adopted and his action approved and that Apostle Smoot be authorized to go to Scofield and recommend the acceptance by the sufferers of the company's tender.

Apostle B. Young suggested the propriety of dividing the San Juan Stake and felt that such action would be for the best good of all concerned. The matter was referred to Apostles B. Young, F. M. Lyman, H. J. Grant, J. H. Smith, and A. H. Lund.

Song, "Let Zion in her Beauty Arise." Benediction by Pres. J. F. Smith.

### Friday, 29 June 1900

Salt Lake City. Clear and hot. I spent the day in Brigham City, going at 7 a.m. and returning at 7 p.m. While there I took stock at the Brigham City Roller Mill for the 6 months ending June 30th, 1900, and attended to some other matters of business.

8:30 p.m. Accompanied by Lydia, I attended the wedding reception of LeRoi C. Snow, son of Pres. Lorenzo Snow, and a Miss [Maud Mary] Ford, lately from the East, given in the "Beehive House." It is estimated there were 400 guests present.

### Thursday, 5 July 1900

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 11 a.m. Meeting of the brethren at the temple. Present: Presidents G. Q. Cannon and Jos. F. Smith, Apostles B. Young, F. M. Lyman, J. W. Taylor, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, A. O. Woodruff, R. Clawson, Reed Smoot, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "Come, Come, Ye Saints." Apostle B. Young was mouth in prayer, and Pres. Cannon was mouth in the circle.

Apostle F. M. Lyman reported the organization of the Mercur Ward with Geo. W. Bryan as bishop. He also dedicated, he said, the new meeting house of Mercur, which had been erected at a cost of \$1500. The clerk read a letter from Bp. W. H. Lewis, Lewiston, in which he stated that the new ward meeting house dedication had been postponed from July 8th to July 22nd.

A letter was read from Elder Ben E. Rich, pres. [of the] Southern States Mission, in which a statement of the financial condition of the mission was given as follows:

#### RESOURCES OF THE MISSION

Cash on hand	2,151
Books, tracts, &c.	1,926
Clothing &c. in commissary dept.	1,414
Gents furnishing goods	906
Accounts due from elders in the "field"	4,126

Accounts due from other missions	204
Total	\$10,727

LIABILITIES OF THE MISSION

Amounts due the elders—money on deposit	5,484
Balance in favor the mission	5,243

There was some discussion entered into as to the propriety of keeping a commissary in the Southern States Mission. It seemed to be the mind of the brethren that while the running of a commissary to supply the wants of the elders might be a very good thing, the credit system connected with it was harmful and should be discouraged. It was also felt that great care should be taken to lessen the expense of our missions and thus lighten the burden resting upon the elders. It was moved by Apostle J. W. Taylor and carried that it be the sense of the meeting that elders in the field be self-sustaining, as far as possible. Benediction by Elder G. F. Gibbs.

**Saturday, 7 July 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. During the day I opened a set of books for the Utah Coal Co. and have engaged to keep them for \$10.00 a month. The work will take but little of my time, and the salary will furnish coal for the family.

I have just closed the Brigham City Roller Mill books for the 6 months ending June 30th, 1900, and find that the business has run behind between \$900 and \$1000. While this is a bad showing for the 6 months, the general showing for the past seven years is most excellent. During that time the business has paid \$14,400 in dividends, with \$3200 carried to the reserve fund, making a profit in all of over \$17,000.

**Tuesday, 10 July 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and hot. 10 a.m. I attended a meeting of the board of directors of the Utah Light and Power Co.

2 p.m. 2nd session of the quarterly conference of the Twelve. Present: Apostles B. Young, F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, M. W. Merrill, A. H. Lund, A. O. Woodruff, R. Clawson, and Reed Smoot. Song, "Who Are These Arrayed in White." Prayer by Apostle J. H. Smith. Song, "Our God We Raise to Thee."

Apostle Geo. Teasdale was the first speaker. He read a letter from his son, Russell, who is on a mission in Germany. Gave an account of his recent visit to the Emery Stake. Reorganized the Spring Glen Ward with Jas. N. Miller as bishop and held a splendid meeting at Castle Gate. Spoke of his love for the gospel and for the brethren of the Twelve. Desired to walk in harmony with them and to fulfill every obligation. Said that the union of the Twelve is a strength and power in Israel.

Apostle M. W. Merrill followed and said that he appreciated these meetings and felt they were productive of much good. Said he had noticed an improvement among the saints and less of a disposition to find fault and criticize as in times past. Spoke upon the subject of giving and receiving counsel. If the saints were more ready to take counsel, it would be better for them. Made remarks in relation to higher education and said there is a tendency among our people to go to extremes in this direction. Some of our children are educated so much they are not fit for anything. They should be taught how to work, for labor is honorable. Had no feeling in his heart against any man and desired to be in harmony with his brethren, whom he loved.

Apostle A. H. Lund said he felt like Apostle Merrill that our children should be taught how to labor. Manual training should have a place in our schools. Spoke upon the subject of missionary work. Elders should travel without purse and scrip and sustain themselves as far as possible, but in the old countries, owing to the poverty of the people, the elders cannot travel and preach without means to assist them. Felt that more missionaries were being sent into the field than were actually needed—or rather, more than the results of their labors would justify. If fewer, good, competent elders were sent out, as many or more converts would be made as are now made with 1900 elders in the field.

As bearing upon this subject, Apostle Brigham Young read from a report furnished by Elder Geo. Reynolds, as follows: the number of converts (adult) made by the 1900 elders in the field in 1899 was 4100, or a fraction over 2 converts to an elder. The cost of keeping the elders in the field—including transportation, cost of living, and value of time, amounted to \$950,000 per annum, or in other words, the cost of making each convert was \$250.

This idea was brought out in the discussion that followed,



namely, that while the expense of converting the people of the world was great, it should be remembered that much good comes to our young men who take missions, for in this way many of them obtain a testimony of the truth of the gospel. Notwithstanding this and other considerations, it was thought by some of the brethren that the missionary work was being overdone. Benediction by Apostle F. M. Lyman.

I took the family out for a little ride in the evening. We drove through Liberty Park, which is very attractive and beautiful at this season of the year.

### Wednesday, 11 July 1900

[Salt Lake City.] 9:30 a.m. Continuation of the conference meetings of the Twelve. Present: Apostles B. Young, F. M. Lyman, Geo. Teasdale, J. H. Smith, M. W. Merrill, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, A. O. Woodruff, R. Clawson, and Reed Smoot. Song, "Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire." Prayer by Apostle Geo. Teasdale. Song, "May We Who Know the Joyful Sound."

A letter from Elder J[ospeh] H. Ward was read. He called attention to the fact that he had been receiving \$40.00 a month from the church to assist him in publishing a paper in the German language, in which the principles of the gospel were set forth and sustained, and that now the appropriation was about to cease. Upon motion of Apostle J. H. Smith, it was decided to ask Pres. Snow to continue the appropriation, with \$10.00 a month added.

Apostle Cowley reported that there was a debt of \$700 still due on the Park City meeting house, which had been built by the saints there at great sacrifice. It was the sense of the meeting that the church should make an appropriation to cover the above amount and that Apostle Teasdale be authorized to bring the matter to the attention of Pres. Snow and the Twelve at our next regular meeting.

Apostle M. F. Cowley spoke and said that he had visited the stakes allotted to him on the non-tithe-payers matter. Also gave an account of the installation of Elder Wm. T. Jack as pres. of the Cassia Stake. Said that he was well received and that a number of the saints had received a testimony of his appointment. Observed that in calling men to priesthood and presidency we should have the spirit of revelation. In our human judgments we are liable to

err and to depreciate men because of a lack in financial ability and, as we view it, a deficiency in other respects. The Lord knows best and, if we have his spirit to confirm our judgment, we shall not go amiss. Speaking of preaching the gospel, he said, we cannot regulate it from a financial standpoint.

Apostle Lyman made brief remarks respecting the selection of church officers. Apostle A. O. Woodruff rejoiced in these conference meetings and desired to walk in harmony with his brethren. Spoke of his labors in helping to colonize the saints in the state of Wyoming. Had been greatly blessed. Related the case of a healing that had been accomplished by the blessing of the Lord under his hands. In the matter of colonizing he desired to work under the direction of his brethren.

Meeting adjourned until 2 p.m. Benediction by Apostle M. W. Merrill.

2 p.m. Continuation of our meetings. Song, "The Trials of the Present Day." Prayer by Apostle A. H. Lund. Song, "O Zion, When I Think of Thee."

I made brief remarks and said that I rejoiced in the exhortation and testimony that had been given in our meetings and also in the union of the Twelve. I read the instructions of Jesus to the Twelve among the Nephites, recorded in the Book of Mormon, 3rd Nephi, [chapter 11,] verses 21 to 29, and made remarks thereon.

Apostle Reed Smoot gave a brief report of his visit to Scofield for the purpose of persuading the people to accept the terms and conditions of compromise offered by the Pleasant Valley Coal Company and was in the main successful. Speaking of the membership of the church, he said he thought apostates whose names are on the records and who seem to have a standing in the church should be weeded out, or rather cut off.

Apostle M. W. Merrill related a dream or vision given to Brother [Samuel] Roskelly in the Logan Temple during the "raid" when the enemy threatened to search our temples. A personage, who in appearance was seven or eight feet tall, appeared to him and said that he was once a Nephite warrior and that he had come to defend the temple. He assured Brother Roskelly that the enemy would not be permitted to enter the house of the Lord. Apostle Merrill said that later on a bitter anti-Mormon by the name of [Charles C.] Goodwin and several others organized a "raid" on the

temple, but through fear abandoned their project.

It was moved and carried that Pres. Snow be asked to provide a suitable receptacle for church relics and that the same as fast as gathered be deposited in the temple. Benediction by Apostle M. F. Cowley.

Accompanied by Lydia and the children, I went out to Saltair at 4:15 p.m. The day being quite sultry, the ride out and visit there proved to be very delightful.

#### Thursday, 12 July 1900

Salt Lake City. Clear and hot. 10 a.m. Continuation of our quarterly meetings at the temple. Present: Apostles B. Young, F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, J. W. Taylor, M. W. Merrill, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, A. O. Woodruff, R. Clawson, Reed Smoot, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "See How the Morning Sun." Prayer by Apostle J. W. Taylor. Song, "Come, All Ye Sons of Zion."

Apostle J. W. Taylor gave an account of conditions in Canada and said the crops are good, the stock is fat, and the people feel well. The Canadian government has appropriated, he said, \$2500 a mile for the building of a railroad from Lethbridge to McGrath, with a prospect for the same appropriation next year for a railroad from McGrath to Cardston, thus connecting our settlements by rail. He further said he felt honored in being permitted to meet with the brethren of the Twelve. He had no feeling in his heart against any man.

Apostle Reed Smoot made remarks in relation to the building of tabernacles and meeting houses by our people. He thought an architect—known as the church architect—should be employed by the church to inspect plans for same from time to time, so that all matters connected with the heating, ventilation, appearance, and convenience of said buildings might have proper attention, with a view to constant improvement in these things. Apostle F. M. Lyman and myself made remarks upon the subject, making suggestions and approving of Apostle Smoot's views.

At 11 a.m. Presidents G. Q. Cannon and J. F. Smith came in. Song, "Guide Us, O Thou Great Jehovah." Prayer by Apostle Geo. Teasdale, with Apostle M. W. Merrill as mouth at the altar.

Stake conference appointments: Juab, F. M. Lyman and R. Clawson; Provo, Geo. Teasdale; Emery, J. W. Taylor; Star Valley,

A. O. Woodruff; Y.M.M.I.A. conference [at] Richfield, J. H. Smith; meeting at Preston, M. F. Cowley. A letter from Elder David H. Cannon, pres. [of the] St. George Temple, was read by the clerk. In speaking of ordinance work, said they were in bad condition, as most of their workers were aged men. He wanted some advice in regard to the matter. It was moved and carried that the president of the St. George Temple be authorized to call upon the stakes in that temple district to furnish young, able-bodied, competent men as missionaries to work in the temple from one to two years.

A tabulated report showing the number of elders in the field and the number of conversions made by them was submitted by Pres. Cannon. The deduction to be drawn from the report was that in view of the large numbers of the elders out, the conversions were few, and it seemed to be the mind of the brethren that a retrenchment was needful in the matter of missionary calls.

Apostle Smith reported his visit to Baker City, Oregon, and said that the branch voted unanimously to be attached to the N.W. States Mission. Apostle Smith recommended that the change be made. Carried. Apostle Teasdale reported his visit to the Emery Stake.

The proceedings of the meeting of the Presidency and Twelve that decided as to the standing of Pres. J. F. Smith and Apostle B. Young in the quorum of the Twelve were read by the clerk, and it was moved that they be approved as read. Carried by unanimous vote. Song, "Now Let Us Rejoice in the Day of Salvation."

The tables were then spread with bread and wine and the sacrament was administered. Pres. J. F. Smith was mouth in blessing the bread and wine. At the conclusion Apostle F. M. Lyman offered the benediction.



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**Saturday, 14 July 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. I spent the forenoon at the President's office. At 2 p.m. a meeting was held at the President's office. Present: President[s] Lorenzo Snow, Geo. Q. Cannon, [and] Joseph F. Smith, Apostles B. Young, Reed Smoot, and myself, and Elders Robt. T. Burton, J. R. Winder, F. S. Richards, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk.

The object of the meeting was to consider the matter of closing up the Utah Loan and Trust Co.'s business. Apostle Reed Smoot, one of the committee appointed by the Presidency and council of Apostles, made a brief report of the condition of said banking company, as follows, to wit:

Assets		\$31,382
Donations promised		12,000
		\$43,382
Liabilities	107,670.11	
Less certificates of deposits made by H. J. Grant	28,774.11	78,896
Less assets		43,382
	Deficiency	\$35,514

It was moved by Pres. Cannon and seconded by Jno. R. Winder that \$35,000, or so much of it as may be needed, be set apart by the Trustee-in-Trust to liquidate the deficiency of the Utah Loan and Trust Co. and that the matter be submitted to the First Presidency and Twelve at their next meeting for their approval. Carried by unanimous vote.

**Thursday, 19 July 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. 11 a.m. Meeting of the brethren at the temple. Present: Presidents G. Q. Cannon and J. F. Smith, and Apostles B. Young, F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale. H. J. Grant, J. W. Taylor, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, R. Clawson, Reed Smoot, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "God Moves in a Mysterious Way." Prayer by Apostle H. J. Grant. Song. J. F. Smith was mouth in the circle.

Conference appointments: Tooele, Apostles F. M. Lyman and R. Clawson; Weber, J. W. Taylor and M. F. Cowley; dedication of Lewiston meeting house, Presidents Cannon and Smith. The clerk read a letter from Pres. Thos. Ricks of the Fremont Stake, asking for the privilege to change the names of the following wards to conform to the post office name: Hiatt to Plano; Fall River to Chester; Raymond to Victor. Upon motion the request was granted.

A letter was read from Alice A. Miskin in which she suggested the organization of a Young Married Woman's M.I.A., where the duties of wife and motherhood could be taught. The clerk was instructed to answer and say that it was not deemed wise to make any further church organizations at present.

Apostle H. J. Grant reported his visit to Arizona and Mexico. Held conference at St. Joseph Stake in Thatcher. Ira B. Elmer was ordained a patriarch. Elder [David W.] Cluff, counselor in the bishopric of the Central Ward, had been teaching false doctrine, and was, therefore, released, and Elder Geo. R. Shurtz was ordained in his stead. Organized the Hubbard Ward with Elisha R. Hubbard bishop. The bishop of the Pima Ward was given J. A. McBride for 1st counselor and Seth Green for 2nd counselor. In relation to the taking of a certain railroad contract, Pres. Andrew Kimball was at fault and not the people. He took the contract and is losing money, but did it on his own responsibility; nevertheless,

he rather carried the idea that the people were to blame. Found the South American Expedition from the Brigham Young Academy, Benj. Cluff in charge, at Thatcher. Said that in the expedition were some young men of inexperience, who were not fitted for exploration into South America, and he felt that, unless the matter were investigated and some changes made and men of experience appointed to join the party, the expedition would end disastrously. The matter was pretty fully discussed by the brethren and referred to the First Presidency for action.

Apostle J. W. Taylor reported his visit to Emery Stake, where he organized the Sunnyside Ward with Brother [John] Potter as bishop. Apostle A. H. Lund reported his visit to San Pete. Assisted the presidency of the stake, he said, to organize the Freedom Ward with Wm. Lowry as Bishop. Held meetings in Fountain Green and Moroni.

Apostle F. M. Lyman reported our visit to Juab Stake. Reed Smoot reported the visit of Pres. Cannon, Geo. Teasdale, and himself to Utah Stake Conference. Had a good time. Elders Jas. H. Clark and A. J. Southwick were ordained high councillors in place of V. L. Halliday and C. D. Evans.

Pres. J. F. Smith reported that he had assisted the high council and presidency of the Salt Lake Stake in setting apart Thos. S. Browning as bishop of the Salt Lake City 3rd Ward. It was decided upon suggestion of Apostle B. Young that the appropriation of \$40 a month to Brother [Joseph H.] Ward to assist him in the publication [of] his German paper be continued. Benediction by Apostle B. Young.

### **Tuesday, 24 July 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. Pioneer Day. The ceremonies connected with the unveiling of the Brigham Young Statue at the head of Main Street took place at 10 a.m. The statue and pedestal were draped with American flags and a platform was built around them for the accommodation of the speakers and prominent people. A large crowd had gathered around the stand. The following program was carried out, to wit:

The assembly was called to order by Hon. Jas. Sharp. Address, Pres. Geo. Q. Cannon. He recited the achievements of Brigham Young and the pioneers. Dwelt upon the hardships of early days.



Spoke of the incident whereby the people were saved from starvation by the sea gulls, which came in myriads, and destroyed the crickets, and thus saved the crops. Spoke of the gold fever that in early days took possession of the people, and how that Brigham Young counseled them to remain and develop the resources of the country and let the gold fields alone. Spoke of his wise counsels and timely instructions in all the trying situations of pioneer days. Said that the story of the emigration to and peopling of these valleys of the mountains should live in the minds of our children. This statue and monument will serve to remind them of these things.

An address, introducing C[yrus] E. Dallin, sculptor, through whose genius the statue of Brigham Young was brought forth, [by] Hon. Jas. T. Hammond. Address, [by] C. E. Dallin, sculptor.

The statue was unveiled at 11 a.m., the ceremony being performed by Margaret Young, great granddaughter of Brigham Young. In addition to the statue of Brigham Young, which rested upon the top of the pedestal, there were two figures and a group in bronze just finished and put in place for the unveiling. One of the figures represented a trapper and the other an Indian. The group represented a family of pioneers. The entire monument as now completed and unveiled is very fine.

Lydia and myself and the children spent the afternoon at Liberty Park. We took picnic with us, which added something of interest to the outing.

I have often said that if I were a wealthy man, I would set aside a portion of my means to be used in the temple for the salvation of the dead. There are many good people in the church who can be employed to work for the dead, and I have ascertained that it will cost from 75c to \$1.00 for each dead person who is baptized for and endowed, which work, if accepted by them, means salvation to their souls; and Pres. Lorenzo Snow says that in nine cases out of ten the work will be accepted, so that, it might be said, there is very little risk connected with an investment of this kind. How beautiful it is in cases where men have means, but little or no time to spend in missionary work or to labor themselves in the temple that they should devote a portion of that means for the salvation of the dead, rather than to leave a great lot of means for their children to quarrel over. Now, I am not a man of means, but to

show forth the sincerity of my desire, I have decided to set aside a small part of my monthly income for the purpose above explained and shall start the fund with \$4.00. I hope in the future to accomplish much good, under the blessing of the Lord, from this very small beginning.

### Thursday, 26 July 1900

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. 11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Cannon and Smith, Apostles F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, J. W. Taylor, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, A. O. Woodruff, R. Clawson, and Reed Smoot; and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. The brethren robed. Song, "I Know That My Redeemer Lives." Prayer by Apostle J. H. Smith, and Reed Smoot mouth in the circle.

Pres. G. Q. Cannon announced that the Presidency had appointed Apostle A. H. Lund as church historian. Upon the motion of Apostle F. M. Lyman, the appointment was approved by unanimous vote. Pres. Cannon also stated that Pres. J. F. Smith had been appointed by Pres. Snow to visit Mexico and investigate matters pertaining to the B. Y. Academy Scientific Expedition to South America, the expedition now being somewhere in the neighborhood of Nogales, Mexico. The appointment was approved by unanimous vote.

Quarterly conferences appointments: Bannock, Apostle F. M. Lyman; Cache, Pres. G. Q. Cannon, Reed Smoot, and myself; San Luis, B. Young and M. F. Cowley; district conference at Kaysville, H. J. Grant. Apostle F. M. Lyman reported our visit to the Tooele Stake Conference.

Pres. Cannon reported the attendance of himself and Pres. J. F. Smith to the dedication of the Lewiston meeting house. It was an elegant building, he said. The people there are united and prosperous. The dedicatory prayer was offered by Pres. Cannon.

The clerk read a letter from Jas. G. Duffin, pres. of the S.W. States Mission, who said that the number of elders in his mission had been reduced from 150 to 113. He, therefore, asked for more elders. The law of tithing is being fairly well observed by the elders and saints under his jurisdiction.

Apostle H. J. Grant testified to the healing of the waters, which were salty and bitter, in the large reservoir at St. Johns, Arizona.

He felt that it was in answer to the prayer offered by myself during our visit to that stake last February [January].

Apostle F. M. Lyman offered a suggestion to the effect that an architect—to be known as the church architect—be appointed to inspect and pass upon plans for meeting houses and tabernacles in all the Stakes of Zion. Economy, convenience, and beauty of design would result, he thought. The matter was deferred for the present. Benediction by M. F. Cowley.

### Monday, 30 July 1900

Logan, Utah. Clear and cool. 9 a.m. Apostle Reed Smoot and myself called in at several homes and administered to the sick, namely, to Sister Brown for heart trouble; to Brother Brown for cold; to Sister Parkinson for nervousness; to daughter of Sister Ballard for pain in the bowels; to Sister Ballard for swelling in the throat.

10 a.m. Continuation of [Cache Stake] Conference, Apostle Merrill presiding. Speakers were myself, Apostle Reed Smoot, and Pres. Cannon. Topics treated. R. C[lawson]. Took as my text a revelation to David Whitmer wherein the Lord told him that that which would be of the most worth to him would be to declare repentance to the people and bring souls to Christ. Referred to the case of the 3 Nephites, whose lives were spared for all time to come to bring souls to the Lord.

R. S[moot]. Took as his text the translation of Elijah, the prophet, who was taken into heaven by a chariot of fire. Bore a strong testimony to the truth. Referred to several incidents of healing by the laying on of hands.

Just before Pres. Cannon arose to speak, he was handed a *Salt Lake Daily Herald*, which announced the assassination of King Humbert [Umberto I] of Italy. He was shot through the heart by an anarchist. Pres. Cannon took this incident as a text and warned the saints against joining secret societies and combinations. Said we would be judged according to our works in the flesh. All that we say and do will be recorded. Spoke of the priesthood and said that every key, power, and authority enjoyed by people on the earth since the days of Adam, were conferred upon Joseph Smith, the prophet. Explained the true order of the priesthood and how the authority has descended from Joseph to Brigham, and to John,

Wilford, and Lorenzo. Spoke of the decision of the Presidency and Twelve in placing Jos. F. Smith ahead of Brigham Young—it was because of priority of ordination as one of the Twelve. Dwelt upon the subject of miracles. Said no greater gift is bestowed upon men than the gift of the Holy Ghost. This is by far greater than the working of miracles.

#### **Thursday, 2 August 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. 11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents L. Snow and Geo. Q. Cannon, and Apostles F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, J. W. Taylor, A. H. Lund, R. Clawson, and Reed Smoot; and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Pres. Snow was present today for the first time in seven weeks, he having been confined to his bed by a severe spell of sciatica. Song, "Zion Stands by Hills Surrounded." Prayer by Apostle J. W. Taylor, I being mouth in the circle. Song, "I Know That My Redeemer Lives."

The clerk read a letter from Emma Jensen of Logan, in which she charged the son [William Smith] of a prominent official [Isaac Smith] of the church in the Cache Stake of being the father of an illegitimate child by her daughter. Apostle A. H. Lund, with Apostle Cowley to assist, was appointed to investigate the matter. Apostle Reed Smoot reported that he was getting along fairly well in closing up and in making a final settlement in the matter of the Utah Loan and Trust Company.

Singing. Benediction by Apostle A. H. Lund.

#### **Saturday, 4 August 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. 7 a.m. I left for Ogden to attend the monthly priesthood meeting of the Weber Stake, arriving at 8 a.m. I called in to see Pres. [Lewis W.] Shurtliff and told him I had come to fill an appointment made by Apostle J. W. Taylor for the purpose of talking up the matter of tithing. Apostle Taylor, having been called to the Woodruff Stake, could not be present.

11 a.m. Priesthood meeting in the academy building, Pres. L. W. Shurtliff presiding. I occupied the balance of the time (1 hour) and dwelt upon the duties of the presidency of a stake and the bishopric of a ward. Also spoke strongly upon the law of tithing

with respect to non-tithe-payers, showing that the obligation to visit and convert them rested upon bishops of wards, and that that responsibility is shifted from the First Presidency and Twelve. At the close of the meeting, I distributed some non-tithe-payers blank sheets to the bishops and asked them to make a report on or before Oct. 1st, 1900.

**Thursday, 9 August 1900**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and warm. 11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Pres. L. Snow and Pres. G. Q. Cannon, and Apostles F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, J. W. Taylor, A. H. Lund, A. O. Woodruff, R. Clawson, and Reed Smoot; and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "O My Father." Apostle A. H. Lund was mouth in prayer, and F. M. Lyman in the circle. Song.

The clerk read a letter from Apostle B. Young, in which was given a report of his travels and labors in the San Juan Stake. A letter from Pres. J. F. Smith was read. Said that they (namely, Elders S. B. Young, presidency of the Juarez Stake, and himself) had met in council with B[enjamin] Cluff, Jr., pres. of the B. Y. College Scientific Expedition to South America and that Elder Cluff could not give up his cherished project to continue the expedition, although they had so advised it, and in consequence he would select 7 or 8 of his best men to continue the journey, the remainder to be released to take a mission to the S.W. States or return home. Some considerable discussion was indulged in regarding the unwillingness, apparently, of Elder Cluff to take the advice of Pres. J. F. Smith. There were some other things mentioned in relation to Elder Cluff, which made it appear that he was a man of poor judgment and, therefore, not altogether fitted to take charge of an expedition that would be attended with great danger and difficulties all along the line. Finally, it was moved and carried by unanimous vote that Pres. J. F. Smith be telegraphed to release and return the members of the expedition to their homes.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Benjamin Cluff's controversial expedition to Central America was intended to prove scientifically the ancient historicity of the Book of Mormon. Difficulties and complications arose almost immediately, including the allegation that Cluff had taken an additional wife. Word of these problems reached church leaders, and the expedition was eventually disbanded.

Pres. R. G. Miller of the Emery Stake wrote respecting some water troubles in his stake, and asking that some of the apostles be sent to adjust the same. Apostles J. H. Smith and A. H. Lund were delegated to attend to the matter.

Apostle Reed Smoot called attention to the fact that the presidency and high council of the Utah Stake had made a distribution of the 10% tithing set apart as compensation to the bishops, and bishops' clerks, and stake tithing clerks, and that out of the distribution a small margin was reserved to meet some of the stake expenses, such as janitor hire and electric lighting for the stake tabernacle, and sundry other church items. The distribution, he said, was entirely satisfactory to the bishops and all others concerned. Bishop W. B. Preston, the presiding bishop, he remarked, objected to this arrangement, taking the position that the entire 10% should go to the bishops. While no formal vote was taken, it seemed to be the mind of the Presidency and brethren, that the presidency of a stake and high council had ample authority to make the distribution of the said 10%, and that if their action was accepted by the general authorities of the stake, it should stand.

A letter from the presidency of the St. George Stake was read. They reported that owing to the resignation of the bishop [James M. Ballard] of the Grafton Ward, it became necessary to effect a reorganization. Apostle F. M. Lyman was authorized to attend to the matter. Benediction by Apostle A. O. Woodruff.

#### **Saturday, 11 August 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. *Lydia was confined this morning and at 10 a.m. gave birth to a strong and beautiful boy.* She is getting along nicely, and everything is favorable to her speedy recovery. Gay, our only living girl, was somewhat disappointed, as she was anxious for a little sister.

#### **Sunday, 12 August 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool; hot in afternoon. I spent the day quietly at home. I am pleased and happy to record that Lydia is progressing nicely in her confinement; the child is also doing well, being strong and vigorous in health.

6:30 p.m. Sacrament meeting in the 18th Ward chapel, Coun. Robert Patrick presiding. J. G. K. [J. Golden Kimball] The impor-

tance of missionary labor, and how our elders ought to be trained in the gospel for the work before them. Faith. Sacrifice.

**Monday-Tuesday, 13-14 August 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool; warm in afternoon. I spent these two days at the President's office, working on various accounts for the information of Pres. L. Snow.

Lydia is not quite so well today, Tuesday, being weak and suffering more or less with her heart. I administered to her at noon.

**Wednesday, 15 August 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool; warm in afternoon. I spent the day at the President's office, or that is to say, the forenoon, being engaged on the books. In the afternoon I took the children to the circus. They enjoyed the performance very much. The animal show was also very good.

**Thursday, 16 August 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool; warm in afternoon. 11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Pres. L. Snow and Pres. G. Q. Cannon, and Apostles F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, J. W. Taylor, A. H. Lund, A. O. Woodruff, R. Clawson, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet." Pres. G. Q. Cannon was mouth in prayer, and Apostle Geo. Teasdale was mouth in the circle. Song, "Now Let Us Rejoice."

A letter was read from Pres. [James] Steele of the Bingham Stake, in which he recommended that the Goshen and Milo Branches be organized into wards. The recommendation was approved. Apostle Reed Smoot said that the name of Elder Thos. N. Taylor had been suggested for bishop of the 3rd Ward, Provo. The suggestion was approved by unanimous vote, and Apostle Smoot was authorized to effect the reorganization.

Some discussion was indulged in regarding non-tithe-payers, and it was suggested by Pres. Cannon that men holding the priesthood who do not pay tithing should be handled in their quorums, and if they did not repent and honor this law, they should be dropped from the quorum, as in his opinion a man who

rejected this law was certainly not worthy to hold a standing in a quorum of the priesthood. Also, he thought quorums should adopt a rule requiring the attendance of their members, and an absence from three or four meetings without a proper excuse should be considered sufficient cause for dropping his name from the roll. It was conceded by all present that the suggestions were very good, and it would be well to take them as a text in visiting the various conferences. In regard to some members of the church who were reported up as not believing in the principle of tithing, Pres. Cannon remarked that a man who did not believe in the law was not worthy to hold the priesthood. Benediction by Apostle F. M. Lyman.

**[Inserted after 22 August 1900.]**

The following is explanatory. I record it in my journal in order to preserve it in good form:

Salt Lake City  
December 1883

*A blessing given by Patriarch Wm. J. Smith upon the head of Rudger Clawson, son of H. B. Clawson and Margaret Gay Judd, born March 12th, 1857, in Salt Lake City, Utah. Recorded in Book E, page 240.*

Brother Rudger, I place my hands upon the crown of thy head in the name of Jesus Christ, the son of the Living God, and by virtue and authority of the holy priesthood in me vested, I pronounce upon thee a patriarchal and a father's blessing, and [seal and] confirm all thy former blessings, baptisms, ordinations, and confirmations, and every blessing that has been bestowed by the Lord through his faithful servants. And because thy heart is honest and full of integrity for the principles of the everlasting gospel, the power of the Lord shall rest upon thee in a greater proportion than heretofore. Thou shalt be a wise counselor in Israel. Thy heart shall be filled with wisdom and thy mind with understanding in the knowledge of God and the laws of His kingdom upon the earth; and thou shalt also become acquainted with the laws by which the Most High governs His vast



dominions. Thou shalt have power to honor both the Melchizedek and Aaronic Priesthood and will receive thy full blessings in the house of the Lord and be a pillar in the temple of our God. Thou shalt be filled with revelation and prophecy and have power to discern and detect wicked and false spirits wherever thou goest, and thou shalt have power over devils and demons and all diseases and the desolating sickness which shall come over the land and all destructive elements. The winds and the waves shall obey thy voice, and the tempests of the mighty deep shall be stayed at thy command. No enemy shall have power over thee—not even a hair of thy head shall fall by a foe. Thou shalt heal the sick, and cast out devils and raise the dead, if it be necessary, and the sun and the moon shall even be stayed at thy command for the furtherance of the work of God.

Thy faith shall increase and thou shalt have power to prevail with God like the brother of Jared, until thou shalt behold God face to face. Thou shalt have mighty faith in Jesus and gather thy thousands to Zion and feed them in the days of famine by the power of God. Thou shalt assist in gathering the Zion of God from all nations and live to see Israel gathered from the four corners of the earth. Thou shalt be gathered to the center stake, and assist in building that holy temple where a cloud by day shall rest and a pillar of fire by night. Thou shalt be a pillar in that temple, and perform a great work for thy progenitors, and assist in the redemption of thousands of thy friends and kindred that have died without a knowledge of the gospel.

Thou shalt be a mighty minister of Jesus and herald of salvation to the nations afar off, for thou shall bind up the law and seal up the testimony that the righteous may be saved and the wicked condemned; and thou shall have power to save all that shall cleave unto thee, and lead them like unto Moses, the great leader of Israel.

The Holy Ghost shall be thy constant companion and every gift and grace shall rest upon thee at every

time and place in the high and holy calling whereunto thou wilt be called by the Lord, through His servants, in His own due time.

Thou art a choice vine of the chosen seed of Israel: a child of promise, an heir of salvation, born under the new and everlasting covenant, and a lawful heir to the priesthood without adoption. And I bless you in the priesthood that the power thereof may rest upon thee and thy posterity after thee forever, for the blessings that were bestowed by Melchizedek upon the head of Abraham and his children, I seal the same upon thee and thine throughout all their generations. Thou art of the house of Joseph through the loins of Ephraim, fully entitled to all the blessings of the everlasting gospel, through thine obedience thereto and by thy lineage and furthermore the blessings of the fathers shall be upon thy head.

I seal thee up against all plagues and pestilence that shall be sent forth to devastate the wicked, but thy feet shall stand in holy and sure places in these days of trouble and woe. I bless you to be faithful in all time to come, that your feet may never stray from the path of Christ. I seal you up to eternal life, to a holy resurrection with thy full redemption, with thine inheritance, in a kingdom of glory that shall never fail thee. Even so. Amen.

#### Thursday, 23 August 1900

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Pres. Snow and Presidents J. F. Smith and Geo. Q. Cannon, and Apostles J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, R. Clawson, A. O. Woodruff, Reed Smoot, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "Zion Stands with Hills Surrounded." Pres. J. F. Smith was mouth in prayer, and M. F. Cowley was mouth in the circle. Song, "O Say, What Is Truth?"

Pres. [Willis E.] Robison of the Wayne Stake wrote, recommending Elder Jas. Grant for bishop of Thurber Ward, as it was necessary, owing to removal of present bishop, to effect a reorganization. The recommendation was approved.

Apostle J. H. Smith stated that women's clubs were being established throughout the state for educational purposes, and some of our leading sisters were joining them. He desired to know if there was any particular objection to this movement. After some discussion it was decided that there was not. The purpose for which they were organized seemed to be all right, but if it was found later on that the tendency was to evil, it could then be looked into.

The clerk read a letter from Elder Platte D. Lyman, pres. of the European Mission. He referred to the case of Elder A. E. Hyde, Jr., who had borrowed \$75.00 from a certain sister and afterwards had refused or failed to return it, thus bringing reproach upon the mission. Although Elder Hyde had been honorably released to come home, he really felt that in all such cases the elders should be denied an honorable release. This was exactly the mind of the brethren. Said he also regretted to have to report that some of the elders in returning home had indulged in card playing, gambling, &c., thus setting a bad example and bringing reproach upon the church.

The subject of Pres. Lyman's letter led to some considerable discussion, in which it became clearly apparent that many elders were sent out who were poorly qualified to represent the church and preach the gospel. Pres. Snow said that some plan must be adopted to correct this evil and he felt that a missionary training school should be established in our midst, where the elders could receive proper instruction before leaving for their fields of labor. The idea seemed to meet with general approval.

Apostle M. F. Cowley reported his visit to the Uintah Stake and said he organized the Mountain Dell Ward with Elder J. C. Searle as bishop. Approved. Benediction by Apostle J. H. Smith.

#### **Sunday, 26 August 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool; slight rain during the night. I took train for Lewiston, Cache Stake, to meet with the saints in their new meeting house. Apostle M. F. Cowley joined me at Logan. We left the train at Franklin at 12 noon and drove over to Lewiston, some 6 miles, arriving at 1 p.m.

1 p.m. Meeting in the new brick meeting house, recently dedicated to the Lord. It is a fine building, being 40 x 80 ft. in

dimension. The walls, the woodwork, the painting, the seats, and all were finished and completed in first class style and workmanship, and left nothing to be desired. The house will accommodate about 1000 people and cost \$10,000. The accomplishment of this enterprise reflects great credit upon the saints of Lewiston. The meeting was called to order by Bp. Wm. H. Lewis.

I made remarks upon the subject of faith and union. Referred in complimentary terms to the new meeting house. Related some incidents of my experience in the building of meeting houses in the Box Elder Stake to show the importance of union.

Apostle Cowley followed and treated upon the following topics. The temporal and spiritual. The evils of politics. The unchangeable character of the gospel. The principle of plural marriage. Some of the evils of monogamy. Virtue. Tithing. Dispensation of the fullness of times. Eternal nature of the marriage covenant.

#### **Monday-Wednesday, 27-29 August 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. I spent these three days in Salt Lake, mostly at the President's office, working on various matters. I got up a comparative statement for Pres. Snow, showing the cash tithing paid during the first 6 months in 1899 and in 1900. The sum totals were as follows:

Cash tithing paid during 1st 6 months in 1899	\$176,484.07
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Cash tithing paid during 1st 6 months in 1900	\$259,287.38
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From this showing Pres. Snow assumed that the tithing for 1900 would be fully as much as paid in 1899, which I feel is a just conclusion.

#### **Thursday, 30 August 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: the First Presidency, and Apostles B. Young, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, Jno. W. Taylor, M. W. Merrill, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, A. O. Woodruff, R. Clawson, Reed Smoot, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song. Apostle M. W. Merrill was mouth in prayer, and H. J. Grant was mouth in the circle. Song, "A Poor Wayfaring Man of Grief."

Apostle B. Young reported his visit to the San Juan Stake. He had visited various settlements there. Also succeeded in settling

up a difficulty between some of the brethren in Manassah, Colo.

Apostle Reed Smoot reported that they were now about ready to settle and close up the Utah Loan and Trust Co.'s business, and will call upon the church shortly for the \$36,000 promised. This matter has been of considerable annoyance to Pres. Snow and the brethren, and they will be glad to see the matter closed up.

Apostle A. O. Woodruff reported his visit to the Panguitch Stake in company with Apostle F. M. Lyman. Said they had reorganized the stake with David Cameron as President, M[ahoni] M[oriancumr] Steele, 1st counselor, and Jas. Houston, 2nd counselor, and reorganized the bishopric of 5 of the wards of the stake. These changes were approved by unanimous vote. Benediction by Apostle Geo. Teasdale.

#### **Saturday, 1 September 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 2 p.m. Continuation of [Salt Lake Stake] Conference, Pres. A. M. Cannon presiding.

The speakers were Apostles J. H. Smith, H. J. Grant, and Pres. Geo. Q. Cannon. Topics treated. J. H. S[mith]. The responsibility resting upon the teachers and acting teachers of the church to teach the gospel of Christ to the people. Evil practices among the young men of our church. The breaking of the Sabbath day.

H. J. G[rant]. The breaking of the Sabbath day. The responsibility of parents toward their children—to set them a good example and lead them into the way of life.

Pres. G. Q. C[annon]. Influence of parents over their children. Sabbath breaking. Pres. Cannon said that the Lord would sift out the unfaithful from among his people and prepare a remnant for the day of His coming.

#### **Thursday, 6 September 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: the First Presidency, and Apostles B. Young, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, R. Clawson, and Reed Smoot. Song, "Glorious Things Are Sung of Zion." Apostle Reed Smoot was mouth in prayer, and Apostle B. Young in the circle. Song, "O Ye Mountains High."

Apostles Teasdale, Cowley, and Smoot were appointed to attend the Morgan Stake Conference, Sunday the 9th, and reor-

ganize the presidency of that stake. Pres. Snow said that Apostle Merrill, president of the Logan Temple, had ruled that the baptism of a certain man who had been baptized a few days before he was 8 years of age was of no virtue. The effect of this decision would be to make null and void the ministrations in the priesthood of this brother in after life. Pres. Merrill had also ruled that he should be rebaptized and that his membership in the church should date from his second baptism. The matter was discussed and it was decided to set aside Pres. Merrill's ruling and to affirm the man's first baptism. To hold that a child in all cases must absolutely be eight years of age before administering the ordinance of baptism was regarded as rather too narrow and technical a view to take.

The time set for the opening of the fall conference was Friday, Oct. 8th, 1900. The clerk read a letter from Pres. Platte D. Lyman, in which he referred to the health of Jas. McMurrin, one of his counselors, who was afflicted, he said, with cancer of the lip, which was giving him considerable trouble. A letter from Elder Jas. McMurrin was also read. He gave a brief report of his recent visit to the Scandinavia[n] and the German and Switzerland Missions.

Bp. Geo. H. Crosby of Torrey wrote that they have room for 100 families. Desired the Presidency to recommend a competent engineer to assist them in the survey of their new canal. I reported the setting apart of Elder Noah S. Pond as 2nd counselor to Pres. Wm. C. Parkinson of the Pocatello Stake.

Some talk was indulged in regarding missionary work in the world. Pres. Cannon moved that we stop sending missionaries for the present to Gt. Britain and the Southern States, except in special cases—for the reason that these missions are now too crowded with missionaries. The motion was seconded and carried. Benediction by R. Clawson.

### **Sunday, 9 September 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 10 a.m. M.I.A. convention of the general board and stake presidencies of the Salt Lake Stake, Davis, Weber, Box Elder, Utah, Summit, Tooele, Wasatch, Granite, Jordan, Morgan, and Juab. These stakes were all represented. President Jos. F. Smith presided.

The speakers were Pres. J. F. Smith, Elder J. G. Kimball, Apostle M. F. Cowley, and Elder J. Y. Taylor. Topics treated. J. G.

K[imball]. Missionary work. These conventions to take the place of missionaries as heretofore called. The local missionary work, however, will continue. The importance of selecting the right kind of men for missionaries. Their duty to visit young men who are wayward and indifferent to M.I.A. cause.

J. Y. T[aylor]. Missionary work. Each association ward to be divided into three parts—the president to take one and his counselors the other two. Every young man needing conversion to have a missionary appointed to do the work. Young men can only be reached by the influence of the Holy Spirit. Be in touch with the bishopric of your ward. Start work early in the season. The call for local missionaries should come from the bishopric of the ward in conjunction with the ward president.

J. F. S[mith]. Missionary work. Few men qualified for good missionaries. A man to labor successfully in this calling must be sociable and humble and must be able to win the confidence of people. Every missionary should have the witness of the Holy Spirit in his heart. Men are not converted by eloquence or oratory.

M. F. C[owley]. Gave some illustrations to show the truth of what the brethren had said in relation to missionary work and how to preach the gospel.

#### **Thursday, 13 September 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Pres. L. Snow, and Apostles B. Young, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, A. H. Lund, R. Clawson, Reed Smoot, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "O Say, What Is Truth?" Prayer by R. Clawson, Apostle J. H. Smith being mouth in the circle. Song, "O My Father."

Apostle Geo. Teasdale, J. H. Smith, and A. H. Lund were appointed to attend the Davis Stake Conference. A letter from Bp. T. J. Parmley of Pleasant Valley Ward, Utah Stake, to Pres. Edward Partridge was read. He reported that there were some 13 families living at a place called Clear Creek, a few miles distant from his ward, which he recommended should be organized into a branch of the church. Pres. Partridge wrote recommending that Pleasant Valley Ward be attached to the Emery Stake, giving a number of reasons therefor. There were, however, many good reasons adduced by the brethren to show that it would not be wise to make the change. Upon motion it was decided that Clear Creek be

organized into a branch and that Pleasant Valley be retained in the Utah Stake.

I suggested that as the general conference this year would be held on fast day that the time for October fast day be changed to Sept. 30th. The suggestion was approved.

Apostle Geo. Teasdale reported the reorganization of the presidency of the Morgan Stake with Daniel Heiner as president, and Wm. H. Rich as 1st and Wm. W. Francis as 2[nd] counselor. Anthony Heiner, Sr., and Jas. R. Rawle were ordained high councillors; Thos. F. Welch and W. G. Brough were set apart as alternate high councillors; Jas. N. Welch was ordained president of elders quorum; and Herbert Crouch was set apart as president of the Y.M.M.I.A. The report was approved.

Pres. Snow spoke of the movement now on foot to build a railroad from Salt Lake City to Los Angeles and said that it looked very much as if the enterprise would be carried through. He said that the promoters desired the church to join them in building the road. The proposition they make is that the church put into the enterprise the Salt Lake and Los Angeles R.R. and the Saltair Beach property and take stock in lieu thereof. The brethren in expressing themselves upon the subject said they thought it a matter worthy of consideration as it was conceded that a new road running from Salt Lake to California would not only pay well but would be of great benefit to Utah. Pres. Snow expressed the view that, if the church went into the enterprise, it might be wisdom to offer them the two properties referred to at a good fair price and take in payment, one third stock and two thirds cash. This being a preliminary talk only, no definite action was taken. Benediction by Apostle Geo. Teasdale.

### **Monday, 17 September 1900**

Meadow Creek, Utah. Clear and mild. At 5 a.m. we left for Oasis, arriving after a very pleasant ride at 11:15 a.m. Bp. Fyler [John Styler] has a fine flowing well of natural lithia water, which acts as an excellent tonic for the kidneys. I drank copiously from the same. It has been a very beautiful day. The air is clear and invigorating, and the water is cool and stimulating. I am enjoying my visit here and feel splendid.

7 p.m. Evening meeting for three wards [Deseret, Oasis,



Hinckley], Bp. Hinckley presiding. I occupied the time and spoke upon the importance of the callings of the priesthood and church. Exhorted the young people to faithfulness and diligence.

At the close of the evening meeting, we called and administered to Elder Hyrum Cahoon, who was suffering with typhoid fever. Bp. Frank Hinckley was mouth in prayer, Bp. Jno. Styler anointed, and I confirmed the anointing.

#### **Thursday, 20 September 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Pres. Snow, and Apostles B. Young, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, J. W. Taylor, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, R. Clawson, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song. A. H. Lund was mouth in prayer, and J. W. Taylor was mouth in the circle. Song.

Pres. C. O. Card of the Alberta Stake recommended that Mark Beazer be ordained bishop of Beazer Ward. Approved and Pres. Card authorized to ordain him.

Pres. Thos. E. Ricks of Fremont Stake recommended Jas. J. Wellard for bishop of Twin Groves Ward to succeed Wm. D. Williams, resigned. Approved and referred to myself to attend to ordination.

Stake appointments: Fremont Stake, R. Clawson; Bingham Stake, H. J. Grant; Sevier Stake, Geo. Teasdale. Apostle B. Young said that Bp. [Joseph S.] Rawlins of South Cottonwood was in feeble health and in his opinion ought to be released from presiding. No action taken.

Apostle Grant recommended that South Cottonwood and Mill Creek Wards be divided and gave a number of good reasons for said action. He felt, he said, that the population would justify it, and the people would get much better attention than they were now receiving. It was moved and carried that the division be made.

Apostle Taylor moved that a committee be appointed to consider the advisability of dividing some of the larger stakes, namely, Cache, Utah, San Pete, and Weber. The matter was discussed. Pres. Snow, H. J. Grant, J. W. Taylor, M. F. Cowley, and myself speaking to the subject. Some of the reasons given why a division would result in good were: more of the brethren and sisters of the church would be brought into active service; the interests of the saints would receive more careful attention;

increase of tithing. Pres. Snow said he was heartily in favor of it, but suggested that the matter be deferred until the return of Presidents Cannon and Smith. Benediction by Apostle A. H. Lund.

I have just closed a bargain for 25 x 26 feet of land just back of my home in the 18th Ward. This, added to another piece adjoining upon which stands a small dwelling facing on State St. and which has been bargained for by Lydia at \$1500, will give us space for a backyard and stable. Lydia will turn a piece of ground 4 x 10 rods in the 10th Ward against this purchase. I feel that we have been fortunate and are blessed in this transaction. I am paying \$225 for the 25 x 26 feet.

### **Tuesday-Wednesday, 25-26 September 1900**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cool. I spent these two days mostly at the President's office. Tuesday afternoon I assisted Apostle Teasdale in setting apart the following two brethren and sister: Edwin M. Andrews, ordained a seventy and set apart for a mission to the Eastern States, Apostle Teasdale mouth; Riley Garns Clark, set apart and blessed to pursue the study of medicine at Baltimore, Md., I being mouth; Mary Alice Clark, blessed to accompany her husband, Apostle Teasdale being mouth. At 5 p.m. Wednesday afternoon I attended a meeting of the general Y.M.M.I.A. board.

### **Thursday, 27 September 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Lorenzo Snow, G. Q. Cannon, and J. F. Smith, and Apostles B. Young, F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, J. W. Taylor, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, A. O. Woodruff, R. Clawson, Reed Smoot, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "Let Us Pray, Gladly Pray." Prayer by F. M. Lyman, and A. O. Woodruff mouth in the circle. Song, "Come, Let Us Anew."

Report of Elders C. W. Penrose [and ?] concerning the charges made by Elder Platte D. Lyman against Elder Walter Romney was read. They found upon careful investigation, and so far as they could judge, that he had drunk mild beer to some extent while in Germany on his mission but never was intoxicated; that he did not gamble; that in company with other elders upon one occasion to satisfy curiosity he looked into a house of ill-fame; that he played

a game or two of cards while on the ship returning home. A copy of the report, the clerk said, had been sent to Pres. P. D. Lyman. No action taken.

Apostle H. J. Grant reported his visit to the Bingham Stake. Two bishops were ordained as follows: Parley J. Davis, bishop of Milo Ward; Lars Sorensen, bishop of Goshen Ward.

Apostle F. M. Lyman recommended a change and reorganization of the St. George Stake, owing to the ill health of Pres. [Daniel D.] McArthur, who with other troubles was almost blind. Several names were discussed for the presidency of that stake, but nothing definitely was decided.

The question of dividing some of the larger stakes was again considered. The following brethren spoke in favor of it: Pres. Snow, Apostles H. J. Grant, F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, A. O. Woodruff, and myself. Apostle Smoot said he did not think the presidency of the Utah Stake would favor division. As to his own views, he was not quite clear on the matter. No definite action was taken. Benediction by Elder B. Young.

#### **Sunday, 30 September 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild; very beautiful day. 10 a.m. Fast meeting at the temple in the room known as the "world." President Snow presided.

Pres. Snow made opening remarks and said in substance: the secret of true happiness consists chiefly in being contented with our lot in life and in doing and performing the duties that devolve upon us. "Just so far as we succeed in making ourselves happy in this life, according as opportunity offers, just so far will we succeed in making ourselves happy in the life to come."

The time of the meeting was then given to the brethren and sisters, and six brethren and seven sisters bore their testimony. Pres. Cannon said among other things that the day would come when the united order would be as easy to obey and practice as the principle of baptism or any other principle of the gospel. I spoke briefly upon the subject of "The Living Oracles."

#### **Tuesday, 2 October 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 10 a.m. Quarterly conference of the Twelve at the temple. Present: Apostles B. Young, F. M.

Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, J. W. Taylor, M. W. Merrill, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, A. O. Woodruff, R. Clawson, and Reed Smoot. Song, "Lord, We Come before Thee Now." Prayer by Apostle H. J. Grant. Song, "Guard [Guide] Us, O Thou Great Jehovah."

Apostle B. Young made opening remarks. Said he was in perfect harmony with the Twelve and the First Presidency. In laboring among the saints, [he] said, we ought to jot down the headings of topics most necessary to bring to the attention of the saints that they might not be overlooked. Spoke of the reunion of the leaders of the church and the brethren behind the veil and felt that he would be willing to make almost any sacrifice to attain to such a blessing.

Apostle Lyman said he expected soon to make a trip to Boston to arrange for the publication of the Lyman family genealogy in connection with the publication of the Mason family genealogy. The Lymans are descendants of the Masons. Felt that the brethren of the Twelve had been pretty faithful in their labors. Gave an account of his recent visit in the southern part of the state.

Apostle J. H. Smith said among other things, he felt that the Latter-day Saints are censurable before the Lord for their treatment of the Sabbath day. It is not observed among our people as it should be. Spoke briefly in relation to the B. Y. Monument Fund, *Deseret News*, moral training of the youth, and business integrity among our people. "Our enemies are on the alert and are disposed to bring trouble upon the Saints."

Apostle F. M. Lyman said he did not know just how the brethren felt, but he had been advising presidents of stakes and counselors and bishops and counselors to keep out of active partisan politics. Some discussion followed bearing on this subject, bringing out a variety of opinions. The matter was laid on the table until tomorrow.

Adjourned until 9:30 a.m. Wednesday. Benediction by Apostle J. W. Taylor. In the evening Lydia and myself went to the theatre.

### Wednesday, 3 October 1900

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 10 a.m. Continuation of conference of the Twelve, Apostle B. Young presiding. Full quo-

rum present. Song, "We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet." Prayer by Apostle M. W. Merrill. Song, "We Are the True Born Sons of Zion."

Apostle Geo. Teasdale spoke of the union of the Twelve and felt that heaven must be pleased with it. Spoke of his visit to Provo last Sunday in attending the fast meeting at the B. Y. College. About 40 of the students in attendance at the school bore testimony of the truth, and it was a splendid meeting.

Apostle H. J. Grant was the next speaker. Felt, he said, that those who fail to observe the word of wisdom and pay their tithing ought not to be sustained in presiding positions. He endorsed Brother Brigham's suggestion that we should note down important subjects to be brought before the saints—always being subject to the inspiration of the Spirit. Dwelt briefly upon the subjects of Sabbath breaking and immorality. Said he thought that each member of the quorum should make an effort to visit every stake of Zion. Benediction by Apostle M. F. Cowley.

11 a.m. Funeral service over the remains of Dr. Jno. R. Park, Bp. O. F. Whitney presiding. Consolatory remarks were made by Jos. T. Kingsbury, pres. of the University of Utah, Senator Jos. L. Rawlins, Elder Jas. Sharp, Governor H[eber] M. Wells, Bp. O. F. Whitney, and Pres. Geo. Q. Cannon. Dr. Jno. R. Park was one of Utah's greatest educators and was a man much beloved of the people.

3 p.m. Continuation of the quarterly conference of the Twelve. Full quorum present. Song, "The God That Others Worship Is Not the God for Me." Prayer by Apostle A. H. Lund. Song, "Ye Who Are Called to Labor."

Apostle H. J. Grant made further remarks. Said that if we are united in the view that the larger stakes be divided, we should not pass the matter over but urge immediate action, and so in reference to changes in the various presiding offices of the church. Apostle J. W. Taylor felt that if the quorum of the Twelve were united in asking the discontinuance of liquor selling at Saltair and the correction of certain evils connected with the B. Y. Trust Co., it would be done.

Apostle M. W. Merrill said he felt desirous to see the church free from debt. Spoke of his labors in the temple and said he was there to carry out the counsels of the living oracles. Spoke upon

the subject of church schools.

Apostle A. H. Lund was the next speaker. Alluded to his appointment as church historian and spoke of the changes and improvements going on at the historian's office. Spoke in relation to the proper training of the elders for missionary labors.

Apostle M. F. Cowley reported his labors in the stakes appointed to him regarding the matter of tithing and non-tithe-payers. Said he had met with pretty good results.

Song, "Come Let Us Sing an Evening Hymn." Benediction by Apostle M. F. Cowley. At 5 p.m. I attended a meeting of the general board of the Y.M.M.I.A.

#### **Thursday, 4 October 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 10 a.m. Continuation of the quarterly conference of the Twelve, Apostle B. Young presiding. Full quorum present. Song, "Amid Scenes of Confusion." Prayer by Apostle Reed Smoot. Song, "Be It My Only Wisdom Here."

Apostle A. O. Woodruff said that he rejoiced in the union of the Twelve. Spoke of the joy he had experienced in his recent visit to the south with Apostle F. M. Lyman. Also spoke of his labors in the Big Horn country. The people there are poor but, in view of the early completion of the canal, are very hopeful. He desired to be one with the brethren.

I made brief remarks and said that I rejoiced in the testimonies of the brethren. Also said that if I understood myself, I was in perfect harmony with the brethren of the Twelve and the First Presidency and held myself ready to accept from them correction and reproof when needful. Called attention to a great evil existing in the church, namely, the failure of the acting teachers generally to magnify their callings. This matter, I thought, should have our attention.

Apostle Reed Smoot followed. He reported his labors in regard to tithe paying in the stakes allotted to him and other principles of the gospel, which he is endeavoring to lay before the saints. Said he had rejoiced much in the work. Spoke interestingly upon the subject of church schools.

At 11 a.m. Pres. Snow came in, as also did Pres. Cannon a few minutes later. A letter from the presidency of the Snowflake Stake was read by the clerk. They alluded to the subject of round dancing

and said that for a period of about 20 years this mode of dancing had not been permitted in the stake over which they presided—and this by common consent; but now the young people in part were asking for round dances. The brethren were, therefore, appealed to for counsel in the matter.

Some discussion followed the reading of the letter and it was shown to be a difficult matter to control round dancing in the church. The rule permitting two round dances at a party was not enforced, but generally every other dance was a round dance. It was shown that if the young people were denied this privilege or even very greatly restricted, they would go beyond control and would patronize objectionable dance halls. It was also further shown that the evil of round dances, as existing formerly, was at least in part done away. The position taken in the dance was such as almost to entirely prevent “hugging.” Some objections to the square dance were mentioned, such as “spinning” on the corners, which was thought to be equally as bad, if not worse than round dancing. It seemed to be the sentiment of the brethren that it would probably be best to allow round dancing without any very serious restrictions as to number in order to keep the young people under the influence and control of the church. Apostle J. H. Smith was authorized to talk with the presidency of the Snowflake Stake at the coming conference respecting this matter and suggest to them that it would be well to gratify the young people of their stake.

I read and submitted to the brethren a detailed report of the seizure of the church property by the government. (For report see sheets [at 29 May 1900].) Pres. Cannon said that he felt I was entitled to the thanks and appreciation of the church for having furnished the information contained in said report, which he thought was very necessary and valuable, and moved that it be approved and entered upon the journal of the First Presidency. Carried by unanimous vote.

The tables were spread and the sacrament administered, Apostle B. Young being mouth in blessing the bread and wine. While at the table Pres. Snow made brief remarks. He spoke of the union of the brethren and said we witness today that which has seldom been seen in the world, namely, the perfect union of 15 men—the First Presidency and Twelve. He was sure, he said, that the Lord

was pleased with our union, and in this union the brethren are in advance of the Twelve who were with the Savior. There were heartburnings and divisions among them.

Pres. Snow expressed a desire that at our next meeting (namely, sacrament meeting) the First Seven Presidents of Seventies, the Presiding Bishopric, and Patriarch of the Church be invited in to meet with us. If this union of the authorities (referring to the First Presidency, the Twelve, the Presidents of Seventies, the Presiding Bishopric, and Patriarch) continues, what shall we not be able to accomplish? With the union we have attained to we are not going to remain idle. There will be something for us to do. The Lord will not let us remain idle. Something will arise requiring extra faith, extra exertion. Something is coming by and by that will require an extra effort on our part.

[President Snow:] We talk about Jackson County; why, I know a brother who is today holding in reserve a thousand dollars to assist in redeeming Jackson County. That spirit is among the people. I believe the Lord will open the way by cyclones and storms for the redemption of Jackson County. These things are coming. There is an immense work to be done and the brethren of the Twelve will have a hand in it, but as to myself I do not know. Brethren, said he, we are united—we stand together, as also the Seven Presidents of Seventies, the Presiding Bishopric, and Patriarch, and we say to the Lord, “What do you want of us? We are ready to do Thy will”—and we shall have honor and glory in doing it. We are getting a good influence among honorable men of the earth. We are not going to be idle—the Lord has not sent us here and conferred upon us the authority of the priesthood to be idle. I feel to rejoice in the good fellowship and feeling that is here. My heart is with you. Anything I can do in order to assist you I am perfectly willing to do.

Pres. Snow said he would like to hear some of the brethren express themselves. Pres. G. Q. Cannon responded. He expressed pleasure in witnessing the union of the Twelve. Spoke of foreign missionary work. The gospel, said he, will have to be sent to all nations. There are countries where the sound thereof has never been heard. It is the duty of the Twelve to send forth the word. It is not so needful to preach in those countries where the elders have been laboring for years as to preach in those countries that



have not been visited. Referred to the number of the Twelve—some eight—laboring in the M.I.A. cause. However laudable this may be, said he, it would be better in his opinion for the Twelve to be engaged with the quorums of the priesthood in carrying and sending the gospel to the nations of the earth.

Pres. Snow further said: what President Cannon has said is true. I endorse every word of it, but I want to say a few words in regard to the condition of affairs when I was called to the presidency of the church, which will explain in part the necessity for the presence of the Twelve at home. The financial situation of the church was deplorable. I remember as I was leaving to attend the first general conference held after I was sustained as president—or rather the general conference at which I was sustained—Brother [James] Jack came to me and said that a certain man, whom the church was owing, wanted \$10,000 immediately and the balance due him shortly after. The church actually could not pay it. This was the first intimation I had of the real condition of affairs. I found that the church was obligated for about \$4,000,000—\$2,500,000 of direct indebtedness and \$1,500,000 of guaranteed indebtedness. Frank J. Cannon was sent East to borrow \$1,500,000 pledging the church property as security, and he couldn't get it. Had the people we were owing at that time come against us, this church would have been bankrupt. Such was really the case. To relieve the situation it was decided to bond the church for \$500,000 and later for another \$500,000—making a million dollars in all. The bonds found ready sale at home, and we had money to meet our pressing obligations.

[President Snow:] The question now arose as to how we were going to pay off the church indebtedness. During my trip to St. George last year, the Lord manifested to me that it was to be done through the tithing of the people. This message was carried to the saints by the First Presidency and Twelve, and with splendid results. The tithing paid in 1898 amounted to about \$800,000, and in 1899, \$1,138,000. We have paid off many obligations; we are paying \$3000 less per month in interest than we were in 1898. We are not borrowing money and do not need to. The brethren of the Twelve have assisted us in bringing about this condition. Through the blessing of the Lord, the guaranteed indebtedness of \$1,500,000 has been removed from the church, which is miracu-

lous in our eyes. What Pres. Cannon has said in relation to carrying the gospel to the nations is true, and I know of nothing to stand in the way of it. "I am with you, brethren, heart and soul." Christ will come before long, but before that event he will come to some of us individually to ascertain how things are going.

Apostle Brigham Young made brief remarks and said that the brethren of the Twelve were in perfect accord with one another and in harmony with the First Presidency, and were ready and willing at a moment's notice to go anywhere on earth. They held themselves subject to the direction of the Presidency. President Cannon said that he thought the Twelve had accomplished a great and glorious work in stirring up the people on the question of tithing.

At the suggestion of Apostle M. F. Cowley and upon motion of R. Clawson, the states of Missouri and Louisiana were attached to the Southwestern States Mission, and upon motion of Apostle Cowley Nebraska was attached to the Colorado Mission.

Elder Uriah G. Miller was sustained as bishop of Murray Ward, and Elder Peter J. Saunders as bishop of Grant Ward. This action was taken upon motion of Apostle H. J. Grant.

At this juncture in the meeting the First Presidency retired (President Jos. F. Smith having come in a few minutes before). The minutes were read and approved and adjournment was taken until January 8th, 1901. Benediction by R. Clawson.

5 p.m. Accompanied by Lydia and the children, I visited the fair and spent a couple of hours there very pleasantly.

### **Saturday, 6 October 1900**

7 p.m. General priesthood meeting held in the tabernacle, Pres. Lorenzo Snow presiding. The speakers were Bp. W. B. Preston, Pres. Geo. Q. Cannon, Apos[tles] F. M. Lyman, Jno. Taylor, Pres. J. F. Smith, and Pres. L. Snow. Topics treated. W. B. P[reston]. Duties and responsibilities of the lesser priesthood—priests, teachers, and deacons. The bishops improving in their labors. Corrected list of non-tithe-payers. Tithing settlement in each ward for the year to be made on or before Dec. 31st.

G. Q. C[annon]. Duties of the priesthood—men who fail to attend their meetings and to magnify their callings to be called to account, and if they do not repent, to be suspended. Presidents of

stakes and bishops of wards should give this matter attention. Apostle F. M. Lyman announced that the bishops could obtain new ward records and new certificate forms, which had been approved by the presidency, at the *Deseret News* office.

Pres. Cannon remarked that wives would cease to love their husbands and in many cases would leave them, if they failed to magnify their priesthood and to be valiant in the cause of truth; and thus men would lose their wives and also their children. Apostle F. M. Lyman endorsed the remarks of Pres. Cannon. If we magnify the priesthood, we get the spirit of the priesthood; otherwise we do not have it. The great atonement of the Savior; if we would be his followers, we must take up our cross. Word of wisdom. Tithing. The apostles of today have been called and designated of the Lord just as much so as were the apostles in the time of Joseph Smith.

J. W. T[taylor]. Patronizing home institutions. Pres. J. F. S[mith]. Home industries. Young men recommended for missions, who are not altogether qualified, to have the privilege of a training in the church schools. Men are not sent on missions for the purpose of reformation—they should be reformed at home. “We want exemplary men.” Pres. Lorenzo Snow said that there had been a great increase in the payment of tithes since the matter was brought to the special attention of the Latter-day Saints.

#### **Monday, 8 October 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 10 a.m. Meeting of the general authorities, presidencies of stakes, bishoprics of wards, and others, Pres. Snow presiding.

The speakers were Presidents L. Snow, Geo. Q. Cannon, [and] J. F. Smith, Apostles B. Young, J. H. Smith, J. W. Taylor, H. J. Grant, and myself. Topics treated. L. S[now]. He said that there were no people on earth so great nor with so great a work to accomplish as the brethren before him. And what makes them great? It is the priesthood. I am talking to men who as time rolls on will become Gods in eternity. At this meeting we have men who preside over stakes and wards of Zion, and they preside, as it were, over kingdoms. If we do not magnify the priesthood, it were a thousand times better never to have received it. It is a mighty few compared with the fourteen thousand million of people of the earth, that

have received the priesthood, and these few will be Gods in eternity. In early times the destiny of the men before me was revealed to us and is embraced in that which I have told you. When Jesus came to the earth, he was a God without knowing it—he did not comprehend his former greatness, neither did we comprehend ours. We are scarcely out of our infancy. We ought to be up and doing, and when people come for counsel, be prepared to give it to them.

[President Snow:] We are giving the brethren their second anointings, and anyone who receives them, I should think, would never apostatize. This blessing unfolds to us just what I have been telling you we can attain to. We are just working up to the greatness of our calling. The bishoprics and presidencies of quorums should be united. In Brigham City I succeeded in getting about 50 brethren united so that we could work together and accomplish anything necessary for the interest of the people; and they could come together and partake of the sacrament as the Savior administered it. A bishopric do not realize what they can accomplish—they are the servants of God. Go to the Lord and tell him what you want and ask him to help you. Presidents of stakes and bishops of wards should be very careful in recommending people for their second anointings. They should be sure, so far as it is possible to be sure, that they will not afterwards apostatize. Do not recommend those who are not worthy. As to some presidents of stakes who have not received their second anointings, he said, if they were worthy to be presidents of stakes, they were worthy of this blessing and could have it upon application.

Pres. G. Q. Cannon. Said, we should feel greatly blessed in listening to the words of President Snow. Such words lift up from low and groveling thoughts; tithing-consecration should not give us trouble and anxiety in the observance and are, indeed, small things compared to the higher and greater things we have received. He desired, he said, to say a few words upon the subject of politics. We have to do with them to preserve our liberties. In the coming contest the brethren should say and do nothing to grieve the Spirit of the Lord. It is desirable [that] we should maintain in the midst of the people a feeling of goodwill and peace. It has been felt by the Presidency that there are too many missionaries laboring in some of the missions—notably the Southern States and

Great Britain. The elders going to those fields will, therefore, be restricted in number. We should endeavor to preach the gospel in the primitive way, and if people will not receive, feed, and clothe the elders, they will at least have done their duty and are not obliged to remain in their midst. In Great Britain there are 274 elders, whereas so far as conversions are concerned, 74 could do the work.

B. Y[oung]. When any of us go wrong, there is a way to be corrected. Let us go for counsel and be guided by it. Elders in the missionary field are many times in doubt just what course to pursue. Why, go to the Lord in prayer and He will answer you. The elders of Israel—presidents of stakes and others—are entitled to the spirit of revelation, if they live for it.

H. J. G[rant]. Church literature. J. H. S[mith]. B. Y[oung] Monument Fund. Pres. J. F. S[mith]. Said that it is the intention of the First Presidency, soon as practicable, to furnish church literature to the missionaries free of charge. Advised the brethren against secret societies.

R. C[lawson]. I spoke upon the subject of record keeping and said that there was a good deal of neglect in regard to this matter. Advised presidents of stakes and bishops of wards to take an active and personal interest in their records and see to it that our history is properly written and preserved.

J. W. T[aylor]. Warned the authorities against hastily cutting people off the church. We should seek rather to convert than to cut off.

#### Thursday, 11 October 1900

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents L. Snow, G. Q. Cannon, and J. F. Smith, and Apostles F. M. Lyman, B. Young, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, J. W. Taylor, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, A. O. Woodruff, myself, Reed Smoot, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Apostle Geo. Teasdale was mouth in prayer, and Pres. Cannon in the circle. The title of the first hymn sung was "Guide Us, O Thou Great Jehovah," and the second, "Away with Our Fears."

Conference appointments: Utah Stake, F. M. Lyman; Emery Stake, H. J. Grant. A letter from Elder F. S. Bramwell, president of the N.W. States Mission, was read by the clerk. The elders in

said mission, he reports, are doing a good work in preaching the gospel.

Apostle A. H. Lund said that a certain sister by the name of Quist very much desired the remains of her husband [John H. Quist], who died while on a mission to Sweden, be shipped home. She is poor and could not do this at her own expense. If her request were not granted, Apostle Lund stated that it would be necessary to erect a monument over his grave, otherwise his resting place would be lost to the knowledge of men. Apostle Lund was authorized to investigate the matter more fully and report to the Presidency. Benediction by Apostle F. M. Lyman.

#### **Saturday, 13 October 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. I spent the day at the President's office, working mostly on the books of the Utah Coal Co., getting out a statement for the month of September. In the afternoon I assisted Pres. J. F. Smith in ordaining Elder Squire Coop an elder and in setting him apart and blessing [him] for a musical mission to Europe—namely, to pursue the study of music.

#### **Sunday, 14 October 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild; beautiful day. I spent the forenoon at home.

2 p.m. Meeting at the tabernacle, Pres. A. M. Cannon presiding. The speakers were Louis A. Kelsch, Apostle A. H. Lund, and myself. Topics treated. L. A. K[elsch]. Bore testimony to the truth of the gospel. Related a dream in which he saw the first person he baptized long before it happened. Dwelt upon the first principle[s] of the gospel.

A. H. L[und]. The sabbath day and its proper observance. R. C[lawson]. I made remarks upon the subject of signs following believers and related an incident where a young woman [Ella Jensen], who had apparently died, was restored to life and health by the anointing and laying on of hands of Pres. Snow and myself.

#### **Thursday, 22 November 1900**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy, with storm during the night. 11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Lorenzo Snow and Geo. Q. Cannon, and Apostles F. M. Lyman, Geo. Teasdale, H. J.

Grant, Jno. W. Taylor, A. H. Lund, R. Clawson, and later Reed Smoot. Singing. I was mouth in prayer, and Apostle F. M. Lyman was mouth in the circle. Song, "I Know That My Redeemer Lives."

A letter was read from Prof. J. H. Paul of the Latter-day Saints College. He asked permission to reopen the college, which had been closed for some time on account of smallpox. He thought the danger [had] passed. The request was granted.

The clerk read a letter from Mr. L. T. Galt, pres. [of the] Northwest Irrigation Co. of Canada, in which he referred to the church claim of \$4099 against the irrigation co. He expressed willingness to pay said claim, providing the Presidency would send 100 more families to Canada to settle along the canal. The matter was deferred for the present.

A circular letter from Elder [Samuel E.] Woolley, who is in charge of the Sandwich Islands Mission, was read by the clerk. He called attention to the fact that there would be held in Honolulu on the 12th of December a celebration commemorative of the fiftieth anniversary of the introduction of the gospel in that distant land. He announced that it was confidently expected that one or more of the First Presidency would be present. The matter was earnestly discussed, and Presidents Snow and Cannon were urged by all the brethren present to make the journey. They took the question under advisement.

Some views were expressed by the brethren respecting our next senator to the United States Senate. Apostle Reed Smoot reported that the articles of incorporation of the new railroad to Los Angeles had been signed, and there was now no question but that the road would go through. Benediction by Apostle Geo. Teasdale.

#### **Monday, 26 November 1900**

Brigham City. Cloudy and cool, with rain in the night. 10 a.m. Continuation of [Box Elder Stake] Conference, Pres. Kelly presiding.

The speakers were Pres. Chas. Kelly, Pres. J. W. McMurrin, and myself. Topics treated. C. K[elly]. Presidency of stake united and have a desire to do good. They meet once a week to deliberate for the benefit of the saints. All vacancies that occur are filled immediately. The presidency and priesthood of the stake are

working in harmony. Some who bear the priesthood are spiritually dead. Considerable sickness among the people during the summer and fall; 257 cases were treated for typhoid fever. Home manufactures.

J. W. Mc[Murrin]. Dwelt upon the wonderful fulfillment of the predictions of the prophets concerning the work of the Lord in these latter times. Judgments of God being poured out upon the inhabitants of the earth. Word of wisdom.

R. C[lawson]. Read from the 3rd chap., D.&C., and showed how strict are the commandments of God, and if we fail to observe them, great condemnation will follow.

### **Tuesday, 27 November 1900**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cool; frost during the night. 11 a.m. Meeting at the President's office, in lieu of the regular Thursday meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Lorenzo Snow and Geo. Q. Cannon, and Apostles F. M. Lyman, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, A. H. Lund, R. Clawson, Reed Smoot.

A letter, addressed to Apostle F. M. Lyman by Elder Platte D. Lyman, president of the European Mission, was read. He spoke in reference to some deaf mutes in England, who professing belief in the gospel desired baptism. He was in doubt as to whether they should be given the privilege, as he feared they might possibly be disappointed in reference to some expectations they might have regarding the gift of healing. In such case the church would be injured. It was decided that if the mutes believe and have faith, they should not be denied baptism, and if they have sufficient faith to be healed, they could be healed.

Conference appointments: to Bear Lake Stake, H. J. Grant; to Oneida, R. Clawson and Reed Smoot. The question of dividing some of the larger stakes was discussed, and it was unanimously decided to divide the Utah Stake into three stakes, with Stephen L. Chipman for president of the subdivision on the north, Jos. B. Keeler, president of the middle section, and Jos. E. Page, president of the subdivision on the south. The division to be effected January 1901. It was also determined to divide San Pete into two stakes, the dividing line to be drawn between Spring City and Ephraim. Bp. C. N. Lund was selected for president of the north division. Apostle Lund was delegated to look over the ground and submit



a name for president of the south division to succeed Pres. Canute Petersen, now somewhat unfitted for the presidency of a stake by the infirmities of advancing age. He is a man of unflinching integrity and in his younger days was energetic, active, and progressive. He is justly entitled to the plaudit: "Well done, good and faithful servant."

In speaking of politics Pres. Snow declared that no man should be chosen for president of a stake or bishop of a ward, who did not place his priesthood and calling above political considerations. President Cannon expressed himself as being opposed to the leading brethren of the church being actively engaged in politics. The brethren present shared a similar view, and it was thought a wise and proper thing, as a rule, for apostles, presidents of stakes, and bishops of wards to refrain from running for political offices. Benediction by President Geo. Q. Cannon.

#### **Saturday, 1 December 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. I spent a portion of the day working on the books of my brother Fred, dentist. In the evening Lydia and myself went to the theater to see Fred Warde in "Duke's Jester."

#### **Wednesday, 5 December 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. I spent the day at the President's office, working on the Brigham City Roller Mill books for the month[s] of Oct. and Nov. At 5 p.m. attended a meeting of the Y.M.M.I.A. general board.

The *Deseret Evening News* Publishing Co. are getting up an elaborate number for their Christmas issue. They intend to publish among other things the pictures of the First Presidency and Twelve and have asked these brethren to contribute an article upon any subject of their choice, suggested by the advent of the twentieth century.

The following is a copy of the article written by myself:

Standing upon the threshold of the twentieth century and glancing back along the hundred years that are gone, one is struck by the mighty changes that have been wrought among men. It has indeed been an era of progress and advancement—in the arts, in science, and in literature. The world has been startled from time

to time by the creations of inventive genius. The railroad, the telegraph, and the telephone bring the children of men into close communion, and by the adoption of modern appliances life is made comparatively easy and the poor man of today has come into the enjoyment of comforts that were unknown even to potentates and rulers of other centuries. Electricity—that subtle, invisible, and all-powerful force—has been harnessed up and made to do service in a thousand different ways. Through its agency the world is flooded with light, and by its inherent power men are transported from place to place with an ease, rapidity, and comfort that would bewilder and astonish our forefathers.

In all that stands for civilization and progress, no nation among all the peoples of the earth takes precedence of the United States of America. It is the pride of every loyal citizen of the republic that the stars and stripes—emblem of liberty—wave unceasingly over the “land of the free and the home of the brave.” Therefore, turning to America and bringing into review the history of a hundred years, this momentous question is propounded, namely: “Which of all the great and important events of the century will have the most marked and lasting influence upon the people of our nation, and finally upon the people of the whole earth?”

The writer, having due regard for the views of others and speaking from the standpoint of a Latter-day Saint, unhesitatingly replies: the organization of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints upon the 6th day of April, A.D. 1830, in Fayette, Seneca County, New York. The growth, expansion, and progress of the world in recent years made imperative the introduction of a new and progressive religion—a religion that would meet every want and answer every question pertaining to the welfare of the soul. Such was the great demand of the age, and in answer thereto the nineteenth century gave birth to “Mormonism.” But, says one, “Mormonism” is distasteful to the world, is unpopular. In reply, it may be said: “So, also, was Christianity in the meridian of time.”

The central figure in the organization of the new religion was Joseph Smith, the prophet, then twenty-five years of age, and the fundamental principles taught were: faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; repentance; baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; and the laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost. Joseph Smith

came to be what he was, namely, a prophet of God by divine appointment, and the doctrines inculcated by the new creed—born and established upon American soil—were calculated in time to revolutionize religious conditions throughout the world.

In proof of the foregoing affirmation it needs only to be cited that the boy prophet taught new and strange doctrines—doctrines which were repudiated at the time but which have since been adopted, in part at least, by many eminent divines, and intelligent, thoughtful people of the Christian faith. For example, the personality of God in contradistinction to the then prevailing notion of a God without “body, parts, or passions”; repentance and reformation beyond the grave as opposed to the idea of eternal punishment without hope of deliverance; and baptism and ordinance work for the dead, who were supposed to have gone beyond the influence of human effort.

With the organization of the church, persecution followed. Joseph Smith and his brother, Hyrum, were martyred for the cause, and precious blood has since been spilled for the testimony of Jesus, but the new religion passed through the crucible unscathed and has stood the test of three-score years and ten. From a membership of six the church has grown and expanded until its devotees number 300,000 souls, and the precepts taught by its founder have made a great and strong people of the Latter-day Saints in the Rocky Mountains. Possessed of the elements of strength and endurance and firmly anchored to the rock of truth, “Mormonism” enters upon the twentieth century fully prepared to meet the living issues of the day and grapple with the social problems that are disturbing the peace of the world and undermining the very foundations of society.

The writer bears his humble testimony to the truth of the gospel as taught by the Latter-day Saints and invites the earnest attention of the investigator to its glorious doctrines and urges renewed faithfulness to the cause on the part of his people.

[signed] Rudger Clawson

**Thursday, 6 December 1900**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and mild. 11 a.m. Meeting of the brethren at the temple. Present: Pres. L. Snow and Apostles J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, J. W. Taylor, A. H. Lund,

R. Clawson, and Reed Smoot. Song, "Glory to God on High." Apostle H. J. Grant was mouth in prayer, and J. H. Smith in the circle. Song.

A letter from Apostle B. Young at Fruitland was read by the clerk. He gave some particulars in regard to the accidental death of Pres. F. A. Hammond of the San Juan Stake. He was thrown from a wagon drawn by a runaway team.

The clerk read a letter from Pres. Geo. Q. Cannon. Said that he and party had reached San Francisco in good health and safety and had made arrangements for their trip to the Sandwich Islands. A letter from Apostle M. F. Cowley was read. He recommended Elder Ed. H. Snow, pres. [of the] Eastern States Mission, for president of the St. George Stake.

A question arose regarding church publications, namely, as to whether it would be wise to combine and publish them under one cover. The publications referred to, more [blank]. The matter was discussed pretty freely, Apostles J. H. Smith, H. J. Grant, and myself being in favor of the proposition, and Apostle A. H. Lund opposed to it. It was finally decided that no recommendation be made by the council, but that the magazine companies themselves deal with this question.

Apostle H. J. Grant made some remarks in regard to Saltair and said that, in engaging a manager for next year, he thought it should be distinctly understood that no liquor should be sold there. This seemed to be the mind of most all the brethren present. President Snow said that, while he was personally in favor of restricting the liquor traffic, when we deal with people outside the church as well as those inside, we have to be wise and get along the best we can.

The question arose as to whether it would be wise for Reed Smoot, one of our number, to make an effort to secure the senatorship from Utah. Success seemed to be fairly within his reach. A proposition was made that President Wm. McKinley, Mark Hanna, and other distinguished men of the party be consulted, and, if they thought it proper so [to] do, then Apostle Smoot was to enter the race. The gentiles already have two congressmen from Utah, and it is thought that the "Mormons" are justly entitled to the third. Benediction by Apostle J. H. Smith.

**Tuesday-Wednesday, 11-12 December 1900**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cool. I spent these two days in Salt Lake working on the cash receipts and disbursements of the church for Sept., Oct., and Nov. Wednesday evening at 4 p.m. I attended a meeting of the general superintendency of Religion Classes and at 5 p.m. a meeting of the general board of the Y.M.M.I.A.

Lydia is suffering from a swelling on her left breast resulting from a cold and afterwards a sudden blow by one of the children. We have had some anxiety concerning the matter, as a trouble of this kind has been known to lead on to cancer.

**Thursday, 13 December 1900**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cold. 11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Pres. Snow, Apostles J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, J. W. Taylor, A. H. Lund, myself, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "Glory to God on High." Apostle J. W. Taylor was mouth in prayer, and Apostle A. H. Lund in the circle. Song, "Praise to the Man."

The clerk read a letter from Apostle B. Young, Fruitland, giving some further particulars concerning the death of Pres. F. A. Hammond of San Juan. His own health, he said, was not very good.

Pres. Snow said that he desired to hear from the brethren concerning their labors in presenting the law of tithing to the saints. I reported that I had visited the three stakes assigned to me—namely, Davis, Box Elder, and Malad—and had received a report from them giving the names of all the non-tithe-payers, and showing they had all been visited by the bishopric of the various wards; also read a summary report showing other information gathered. Apostles Smith, Teasdale, Grant, Taylor, and Lund reported that they had also presented the matter to the stakes allotted to them.

Apostle A. H. Lund reported the recent visit of himself and J. H. Smith to San Pete and the division of that stake into two stakes. Apostle J. H. Smith recommended that inasmuch as Pres. Wm. C. Parkinson of Pocatello Stake, and formerly bishop of Preston, Oneida Stake, had found it somewhat inconvenient and difficult to settle up his affairs at Preston and move to Pocatello, and, if he did so, the business in which he is interested would

suffer greatly; and further, because of the efficiency of his first counselor, who would make an excellent president, thus making the sacrifice on the part of President Parkinson unnecessary, he be honorably released, if agreeable to himself, and Elder Wm. A. Hyde be installed as his successor. Apostle Smith was delegated to talk with Pres. Parkinson in regard to the matter. Benediction by myself.

### **Saturday, 15 December 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild; beautiful day. I was engaged most of the day in entering up the cash payments on the bills payable liability of the church for Sept., Oct., and Nov. 1900. During the three months named the church indebtedness has been reduced, in round numbers, \$148,000 and now stands as follows:

Bonded indebtedness	\$1,000,000
Note indebtedness	551,000
Total indebtedness	\$1,551,000

In the evening Lydia and myself went to the theatre.

### **Sunday, 16 December 1900**

[Salt Lake City.] 7 a.m. I left by train for Fairview Branch, Box Elder Stake, to organize a ward there and was joined at Brigham by the presidency of the Box Elder Stake. We reached Deweyville at 9:30 a.m. and were driven by team to Fairview, 4 miles distant.

10 a.m. Meeting in the school house, Allen Hunsaker, presiding elder in charge. I made remarks in relation to the proposed ward organization; also the restoration of the gospel in the 19th century. I suggested that during intermission, the saints think the matter over, and be prepared at the time of re-assembling, to hand in some names for bishop of the ward. We called for names, and upon careful count found that Peter M. Hansen was named by a majority of those present. He had been our choice from the first. I then proposed that Peter M. Hansen be sustained as bishop of Fairview. Sustained by unanimous vote. Brother Hansen expressed a willingness to accept the appointment.

Bp. Peter M. Hansen having made his selection, I presented the name of J. P. Christensen as first and K. H. Fridal as second

counselor. Sustained by unanimous vote.

I proposed that the name of Fairview be changed to Manila Ward, and this because there were a number of Fairviews in Utah. The proposition was sustained by a full vote. I dwelt at some length upon the duties of the bishopric. Also spoke in appreciation of the labors of Allen Hunsaker as presiding elder, and proposed a vote of thanks for the same. Adopted.

#### **Thursday, 20 December 1900**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Apostles J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, J. W. Taylor, A. H. Lund, myself, and Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "A Poor Wayfaring Man of Grief." Apostle J. H. Smith was mouth in prayer, and I was mouth in the circle.

The clerk read a letter from Pres. A. W. Ivins of the Juarez Stake in relation to opening the Mexican Mission. He thought Mexico City [was] the most suitable place for headquarters and suggested that one of the apostles be present to direct and assist in the preliminary work.

Pres. [William H.] Seegmiller of the Sevier Stake reported the selection of a bishopric for the Burrville Ward and asked the approval of the council. Granted.

The clerk read a letter from Louis Kelsch, pres. [of the] Northern States Mission, giving particulars concerning the finding of a stone box containing a manuscript, which was supposed by the finder, Marshall Penrod, to be the original manuscript (in part) of the Book of Mormon. While it was conceded that some such box might have been found, it was doubted that the contents had any bearing on the Book of Mormon and no importance was attached to the incident.

Conference appointments: Malad, R. Clawson. Benediction by Apostle A. H. Lund.

#### **Monday, 24 December 1900**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cool. I was engaged most of the day working on the books of the Utah Coal Co.

Lydia is still troubled with the swelling on her breast, and the matter is giving us some concern as the lump seems not to yield readily to treatment.

**Tuesday, 25 December 1900**

Salt Lake City. Mild and pleasant, almost like summer. Christmas Day. The children were made happy by their presents, and it was extremely delightful to witness their appreciation and pleasure.

At 5 p.m. we all called in to see Grandpapa and Grandmama Clawson. All of mother's children and grandchildren were there—some 35 grandchildren in all. We spent a very pleasant evening. The children were much amused by selections from the graphophone and Punch and Judy.

**Wednesday, 26 December 1900**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cold. I was busily engaged all day on the books of the Utah Coal Co. Besides this work I am keeping the books of the Brigham City Roller Mill Co., and also from time to time am getting up financial statements relating to the condition of the church. These things added to the requirements made of me as an apostle are almost more than I can attend to. As it is, I often work until ten and eleven o'clock at night.

**Thursday, 27 December 1900**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cold. 11 a.m. Meeting at the President's office. Present: Presidents L. Snow and J. F. Smith, and Apostles B. Young, Jr., J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, J. W. Taylor, A. H. Lund, A. O. Woodruff, R. Clawson, Reed Smoot, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "Glory to God on High." Prayer by Apostle B. Young. Song, "We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet."

The clerk read a letter from Pres. C. O. Card. He stated that there were some 24 members of the church living about 250 miles from Cardston who were receiving no attention whatever and were without organization. It was decided that they be organized into a branch of the church. I reported the organization of the Manila Ward with Peter M. Hansen as bishop and J. P. Christensen and K. H. Fridal as counselors.

Pres. Snow said that the large organ in the tabernacle was in need of some repairs and improvements. After a careful inspection, it was estimated that the cost would foot up to \$12,000. Upon motion it was decided to make all necessary repairs.

Several letters were read from Pres. G. Q. Cannon, Sandwich



Islands, giving an account of the celebration which he went to attend. He was well received and had thus far enjoyed himself. The celebration was a great success.

Apostle Reed Smoot gave an account of his visit to Washington to consult President McKinley and the national Republican committee as to the propriety of his running for the senatorship for Utah. He was well received and by manifesting a disposition to be guided by their views, made an extremely favorable impression. The matter was gone into pretty fully. They expressed themselves as being much in favor of his becoming a senator from Utah, but were rather of opinion that it would be best for him to make the run two years hence, although Senator [Serenio E.] Payne, one of the committee, was greatly in favor of his coming at the present time. The other members of the committee were not necessarily averse to Apostle Smoot coming, only they favored the candidacy of Thos. Kearns for political reasons. It was explained to them that in all probability Kearns could not be elected, so that at present the matter is somewhat in doubt. Benediction by Apostle Geo. Teasdale.

**Friday-Saturday, 28-29 December 1900**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cold. I spent these two days in Salt Lake and was engaged most of the time on the books of the Utah Coal Co.

On Saturday afternoon it was finally decided by the Presidency and some members of the Twelve that Apostle Reed Smoot refrain from allowing his name to be put forward as a candidate for the U.S. senatorship. And in view of the fact that President McKinley and the national Republican committee favored Thomas Kearns, it was decided that so far as it might be proper, the brethren would support him for the place.

**Sunday, 30 December 1900**

Salt Lake City. Snowstorm during the night. We are still working assiduously with the swelling on Lydia's breast. I administer to her daily when at home, and she employs the application of hot water, liniment, and other things, also taking iron and wine for her blood. We feel that it is a matter that requires serious attention, as well as the exercise of great faith.

**Wednesday, 2 January 1901**

[Salt Lake City.] Clear and cold, weather moderating. I was engaged most of the day working on the books of the Brigham City Roller Mill Co., preparatory to closing for the year.

On the opposite page [of the diary] is a verbatim report of a blessing given by Pres. Lorenzo Snow in the naming of one of my boys [Lorenzo Snow Clawson]:

*A Name Given by President Lorenzo Snow to Apostle Rudger Clawson's Child, at the Home of Apostle Rudger Clawson, Thursday Evening, September 7, 1899.*

All wise and holy Father, we ask Thee to smile upon us in compassion and look upon this little child, whose name is now to be given. It is Lorenzo Snow Clawson, and may this name be recorded in the Lamb's book of life and there remain from eternity to eternity.

We ask Thee to look upon this child in tender compassion and, if it be necessary, grant that an angel from Thy presence may watch over it until it shall go back into Thy presence. Bless it until it shall be baptized into Thy church, that Thy Holy Spirit may rest upon it greatly and abundantly, and that the spirit of inspiration may be upon it until it shall receive the fullness of glory in Thy presence.

Grant that it may have wisdom and intelligence, and that it may be preserved by Thy Spirit, that its life may be long in the land, and that it may live until Thy Son shall come in His glory among the children of men, and that it may accomplish a great work in the redemption of Zion, and in making the necessary preparation for the coming of Thy Son. May its life be precious in Thy sight, that no power shall be permitted to take away its life, and that it may be preserved from harm, and that in the days of tribulation it may be seen that it has been blessed of Thee and has been an object of Thy good care, and that it may be a star and blessing—a star that shall never be blotted out in the crown of its parents. All blessings which Thou seest that it shall require to make it a mighty man, we seal upon it, and we ask

Thee for them all, and the praise and honor and glory shall be given unto Thee, now and forever. Amen.

**Thursday, 3 January 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Lorenzo Snow and J. F. Smith, Apostles B. Young, J. H. Smith, H. J. Grant, Geo. Teasdale, A. H. Lund, A. O. Woodruff, myself, Reed Smoot, and Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk. Apostle Geo. Teasdale was mouth in prayer, and Apostle Reed Smoot was mouth in the circle. The first song that was sung was "Glory to God on High," the second, "Come, Let Us Anew."

A letter from Apostle Cowley written from Chicago was read. He gave a brief account of his visit to the Eastern States Mission, saying that he had had a profitable time.

Information was received from the clerk of the Weber Stake to the effect that Bp. Barnard White of the 3rd Ward had removed to Box Elder Stake and that the Weber Stake presidency now recommend Elder James Wotherspoon as his successor. Recommendation adopted.

The clerk read a letter from Platte D. Lyman, pres. [of the] European Mission. He reported the return of 158 elders during the fall of 1900. Gave some interesting items concerning the European Mission. Some persecution is being stirred up against the Mormons in England by [William] Jarman.

It was suggested that, as Elder [Platte] Lyman had been away a little over 2 years, he be released to return. Apostle H. J. Grant thought he would make an excellent choice for president of San Juan Stake to succeed the late Pres. F. A. Hammond. No definite action was taken for his release but in discussing his successor, one of the brethren suggested that it ought to be an apostle. Pres. Snow heartily endorsed the idea and said the Presidency would take the matter under advisement.

The clerk read a letter from Elder E. H. Nye, pres. of the California Mission, in which he asked for some more elders, suggesting certain names. Apostle A. H. Lund reported the organization of the Burrville Ward, Sevier Stake, with Jno. F. Anderson, bishop.

It was moved and carried that Elder James McMurrin, counselor in presidency of European Mission, be released to return

home on account of ill health and further because his mission was completed. Apostle A. H. Lund recommended that Bp. [Anthon L.] Skanchy of Logan be temporarily released from his bishopric to preside over the Scandinavian Mission. Recommendation adopted.

It was clearly shown from a letter written by Pres. [Franklin S.] Bramwell of the N.W. States Mission that said mission is in a prosperous condition. It was moved that Apostle J. W. Taylor be released from the presidency of the Colorado Mission. Carried.

President Snow made some remarks on the subject of politics with reference to the United States senatorship. Said that the Lord does not always reveal his will concerning matters of importance—sometimes he does. He expects us to act and work according to our best wisdom and judgment; he wants to see what we will do and he overrules matters for the accomplishment of his purposes. The Lord will send the man he wants. However, if we could use an influence for the man who is wanted by the administration at Washington and he is elected, it would give the Latter-day Saints power. We know the man they want, and I for one, said President Snow, propose to work for him [Thomas Kearns].

The brethren approved the suggestion of a benefit concert to Elder Jos. H. Ridges, builder of the great organ in the tabernacle, to be given in that building, and the President subscribed for 500 tickets. Benediction by Apostle B. Young.

### **Sunday, 6 January 1901**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and mild with tendency to storm. 10 a.m. Fast meeting at the temple, Elder Jno. R. Winder presiding.

Remarks were made and testimonies borne by Elder Jno. R. Winder, Pres. J. F. Smith, and Apostles H. J. Grant, J. W. Taylor, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, A. O. Woodruff, and myself. The meeting was spirited and instructive. Pres. J. F. Smith spoke feelingly and strongly upon the principle of plural marriage, showing that although its practice had been for the present suspended, it is nevertheless a divine principle. Those who honored it would be honored of God. The principle of healing by faith was also beautifully touched upon. I spoke upon the principle of obedience in contrast to that of rebellion.

**Tuesday, 8 January 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cold. 10 a.m. I attended a directors meeting of the Utah Light and Power Co.

11 a.m. Quarterly meeting of the Twelve at the temple. When I came in Apostle Cowley was giving a brief report of his recent visit to the Eastern States Mission. His trip proved to be interesting and profitable.

Apostle Lyman gave an account of his trip East. While absent attended to some matters relating to the publication of the genealogy of his father's family. Before returning, he visited the Hill Cumorah and Independence, Mo. He found that the Hedrickites were taking about such a stand against the "Mormons" as the Josephites. Benediction by myself.

2 p.m. Continuation of the quarterly conference. Present: Apostles B. Young, Jr., J. H. Smith, F. M. Lyman, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, J. W. Taylor, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, A. O. Woodruff, and myself. Song, "O, Ye Mountains High." Prayer by Apostle J. H. Smith. Song.

Apostle B. Young gave an account of his recent trip south and in connection therewith described the circumstances leading up to the death of the late Pres. F. A. Hammond of the San Juan Stake. Apostle A. H. Lund asked how the brethren felt in relation to the saints selling out their property to the gentiles. Apostle Woodruff said that in their trip to Mexico, Pres. J. F. Smith counseled the saints everywhere not to sell to the gentiles.

Apostle J. H. Smith reported his recent trip to Chicago to attend the irrigation congress. He made an address to the congress on Utah conditions, which was afterwards published in the *Deseret News* and copied into other papers. Said that by the blessing of the Lord, he had liquidated some \$40,000 of personal indebtedness within the past ten days.

Apostle Grant spoke briefly and said he was contemplating a move to start a local life insurance company and would do so, if the idea met with the approval of the First Presidency and Twelve. Said that within the past three years using the property he now owned, through the providences of the Lord, he had paid and would be able to pay off \$100,000 of indebtedness.

Song, "Weep, Weep not for Me, Zion." Benediction by Apostle Lund.

**Wednesday, 9 January 1901**

Salt Lake City. Snowing. 10 a.m. Continuation of the quarterly meeting of the Twelve. Present: Apostles B. Young, Jr., F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, J. W. Taylor, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, A. O. Woodruff, and Reed Smoot, and myself. Song, "The Morning Breaks, the Shadows Flee." Prayer by Apostle G. Teasdale. Song, "Ye, Who are Called to Labor."

Apostle Teasdale was the first speaker. Topics treated. Felt happy in the association of his brethren. Tithing. Word of wisdom. The call for men to preside over missions should come from the Lord through the President of the church and not by the suggestion of the brethren merely. Favored the establishment of a fund by the Twelve to assist one another in times of trouble or misfortune.

Apostle B. Young, Jr. Topics treated. Word of wisdom was given by way of commandment, he said, by Pres. Brigham Young. Tithing. Pres. Snow's greeting to the world.

Apostle Grant said he thought it but proper when Pres. Snow asked for suggestions, we should give them and leave it for the Lord to decide. Advocated the organization of a home life insurance company. Spoke against the selling of liquor at Saltair.

Apostle J. H. Smith moved that it be the sense of the council that we recommend to Pres. Snow that no liquor be sold at Saltair during 1901 as an experiment. Carried by full vote.

It was moved that we recommend to Pres. Snow that Platte D. Lyman be made president of the San Juan Stake, Edward H. Snow, president [of the] St. George Stake, and Wm. Smart, president [of the] Wasatch Stake. Carried. This would, of course, necessitate a change in some of those stakes. The meeting was adjourned, and the brethren went in a body to the residence of Apostle J. H. Smith, where we sat down to an excellent dinner.

2 p.m. Meeting resumed. Apostle J. W. Taylor made brief remarks and moved that we recommend to Pres. Snow the appointment of a church architect, whose duty it should be to inspect the plans of buildings designed for church purposes, such as tabernacles, meeting houses, &c. Carried.

I spoke briefly and dwelt upon the calling of an apostle. Said that if we speak by the Holy Ghost, we would live in the hearts of the people, otherwise it would not be so. Gave a detailed account

of settlement effected by Apostle Lyman and myself of the difficulties growing out of the building of the canal in Canada. Benediction by Apostle A. H. Lund.

**Thursday, 10 January 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cold, freezing weather. 10 a.m. Continuation of quarterly conference of the Twelve. Present: full quorum.

Being detained, I came in a little late and Apostle M. W. Merrill was speaking. He referred to conditions in the Cache Stake. There was some improvement in tithe paying, but a slackness in temple work. The stake is getting out of debt.

Apostle A. H. Lund read a letter from President [Andreas] Peterson of the Scandinavian Mission, giving information that some of the elders had been taken down with smallpox. Spoke of the lack of religious freedom in Norway and Sweden, also in Turkey. If we could get the appointment of a United States consul to one of these countries, it would be a blessing to the church, remarked Apostle Lund. Apostle Smith said he thought we could get such an appointment.

Apostle Reed Smoot dwelt briefly upon the law of tithing. Said the spirit of indifference prevailed more or less among the saints in the various stakes. Referred to some of the fast meetings in Provo last Sunday and said the spirit and power of testimony rested upon the people and the gifts of the gospel were manifested. One brother spoke in tongues to the effect that the impressions given to Pres. Snow of late regarding the redemption of the center stake of Zion and the building of the great temple were from the Lord and such event would transpire much sooner than many supposed.

At 11:15 a.m. Pres[idents] Lorenzo Snow and Jos. F. Smith came in. The recommendations of the Twelve respecting changes in certain stake presidencies were submitted. Pres. Snow seemed quite pleased with them, but suggested that final action be deferred until the return of Pres. G. Q. Cannon.

The division of the Cache Stake was discussed in all its bearings. It was finally decided by unanimous vote that the division be made, and Apostles B. Young, M. W. Merrill, and M. F. Cowley were appointed a committee to investigate and report as to the division lines.

Apostles J. H. Smith strongly recommended that a new plan for missionary work at home be adopted, namely, that two or three elders living in one stake be called to labor as missionaries for two years in another stake with the same zeal and interest manifested in the world. The idea was pretty fully discussed. No definite action was taken but the Presidency seemed to feel that this duty devolved upon the acting teachers.

Stake appointments: Utah Stake, Pres. J. F. Smith, and Apostles Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, and Reed Smoot. In view of the fact that it had been decided to divide the Utah Stake into three stakes, these brethren were instructed to effect the division and organize the center stake at the coming conference.

Sacrament was then administered, Pres. Lorenzo Snow being mouth in blessing the bread and wine. We had a very enjoyable time together, and much business of importance was transacted. The conference was adjourned for three months.

#### **Friday, 11 January 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. I spent the day at the President's office, working most of the time on the books of the Brigham City Roller Mill Co. in closing for the year. Lydia is quite sick with la grippe, but I am pleased to say the swelling in her breast appears to be disappearing.

#### **Saturday, 12 January 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. During the day I got out some statements for Pres. Snow regarding tithing and church indebtedness, which gave the following information: the cash tithing paid in 1900 in round numbers was \$684,000, as compared with \$669,000 in 1899; the church indebtedness, Jan. 9th, in round numbers was \$1,370,000 as compared with \$1,670,000 in March 1899, showing a reduction during the year of \$300,000, which is an excellent showing. The Lord is blessing his people financially as well as spiritually.

#### **Thursday, 17 January 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cold. 11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: the First Presidency, Apostles F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, A. O.



Woodruff, R. Clawson, and Reed Smoot. Song, "Glory to God on High." Prayer by Apostle F. M. Lyman, and Pres. J. F. Smith mouth in the circle. Song, "This Earth Was Once a Garden Place."

Stake conference appointments: Weber, Geo. Teasdale; San Luis, Pres. J. F. Smith; Juab, A. H. Lund; American Fork (where a new stake is to be organized), H. J. Grant and A. O. Woodruff; Payson (where a new stake is to be organized), R. Clawson and Reed Smoot. In answer to a letter from Pres. [Anthony W.] Ivins of the Juarez Stake, in which he suggested that an apostle should be sent to assist in reopening the Mexican Mission, Apostle Grant was delegated [to] attend to the matter. Pres. G. Q. Cannon brought a message of love and affection from the elders and saints on the Sandwich Islands to the First Presidency and Twelve.

Some discussion was indulged in respecting the senatorial contest. Pres. Snow remarked that, it being the desire of the administration that the Hon. Thos. Kearns be returned as senator from Utah, he would be pleased personally to see him go. Pres. Cannon moved that the brethren of the council be left free to act according to their best judgment but that they do or say nothing to injure the candidacy of Thos. Kearns. Carried.

Regarding Apostle Reed Smoot, who it was generally conceded by the brethren present, had an excellent chance of winning the appointment, Pres. Snow said (in substance): Brother Reed Smoot is the youngest member of the quorum of the Twelve. While he has been known and tried in other positions and places, he is not known as an apostle. His duty as an apostle is of greater importance and responsibility than that of a senator. It would, therefore, be far better for him to remain and magnify his present calling than go to Washington. There will be opportunities for Brother Smoot, and other brethren present, to go to congress in the future, and also to occupy high and important positions in the government. The president of the United States, and those associated with him, and the members of congress, are our children. God has given them into our charge and we must plan for their welfare. We will have control among the nations in the due time of the Lord.

It would be proper to state that Apostle Smoot answered that he was in the most perfect accord with Pres. Snow's views. Benediction by Apostle F. M. Lyman.

**Sunday, 20 January 1901**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cool. 7:45 a.m. I left by train for Payson to assist in the organization of a new stake to be detached from the Utah Stake, arriving at 10:20 a.m. The meeting at the Payson tabernacle was in progress, J. S. Page, Jr., presiding. Bp. J. S. Page, Jr., had previously been sustained as president of the new stake.

The speakers were Pres. J. S. Page, Jr., and Apostle Reed Smoot. Topics treated. J. S. P[age], Jr. Was glad to see so large an attendance. Desired to magnify his new calling and hoped the saints would sustain him in his labors.

R. S[moot]. Explained the purpose of forming the new stake. The population of the stake would be reasonably small (namely, about 10,000), and as a result the saints would get better attention than they could possibly get in a larger stake organization. He proposed that the new stake be called the Nebo Stake of Zion. Carried. Other topics. Tithing. Prayer. Word of wisdom.

2 p.m. Continuation of conference, Pres. J. S. Page presiding. I made remarks defining some of the duties of the presidency of the stake and also other officers of the stake organization. Union. Apostle Reed Smoot followed. Topics treated. Apostasy. Closing remarks were made by Pres. J. S. Page, Jr.

**Thursday, 24 January 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 11 a.m. Meeting of the brethren at the temple. Present: the First Presidency, Apostles B. Young, J. H. Smith, H. J. Grant, J. W. Taylor, M. W. Merrill, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, A. O. Woodruff, R. Clawson, Reed Smoot, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "Come, Come, Ye Saints." Apostle M. W. Merrill was mouth in prayer, and M. F. Cowley in the circle. Song, "God Moves in a Mysterious Way."

Stake conference appointments: Cache, M. W. Merrill and M. F. Cowley; Fremont, J. W. Taylor; Bannock, R. Clawson. A letter from Pres. Jas. E. Steele, Bingham Stake, was read. He recommended Bp. [Alfred J.] Stanger to succeed Elder Jas. Mulligan [Joseph Mulliner], one of his counselors, who had resigned on account of ill health. It was decided to leave this matter to the next visiting apostle.

Apostle F. M. Lyman wrote from the Millard Stake, recom-

mending a change in the bishopric of Fillmore Ward, also the bishopric of the Meadow Ward. The presidency of the stake concurred, he said, in this statement. He would remain and attend to this matter, if agreeable to the council. It was decided that Apostle Lyman be left to act according to his best judgment in the premises.

I suggested that some action should be taken in reference to the Wasatch Stake presidency—conditions being such as to render a change very desirable. After some discussion, it was decided to sustain Elder Wm. Smart [as] president of the Wasatch to succeed Pres. Abram Hatch, who would be asked to resign because of the many unfavorable conditions existing in that stake.

Apostle J. W. Taylor recommended Elder Horace Ensign for president of the Colorado Mission. Taken under advisement. Pres. Cannon reported his visit to the Sandwich Islands. He had had a pleasant and profitable trip. Said that Elder Saml. Woolley, president of the mission, was an excellent and efficient man. Said that there were a number of individuals, members of the church, who were living off the mission, but were not entitled to support. Felt that the converts on the islands—that is, natives—should have the privilege of marriage for eternity.

Apostle Merrill recommended Elder Jos. Cardon for bishop of Logan 1st Ward to succeed Bp. [Benjamin M.] Lewis, resigned. Adopted. Apostle Lund reported that he had ordained Elder Jno. Ellertson [to be] bishop of Mona, Sevier Stake.

I called attention to the fact that the church records in the stakes of Zion are in a bad and neglected condition and moved that a record day be instituted and had in connection with ward conferences. Upon the annual ward conference day, it would become the duty of the presidency of the stake, who were usually present, to examine the ward records and give instructions relative to the proper method of keeping them and other kindred topics. The motion was seconded and carried.

Apostle H. J. Grant reported the organization of Alpine Stake with Stephen L. Chipman as president and J. H. Clark and Abel J. Evans as counselors. Apostle Reed Smoot reported the organization of Nebo Stake with J. S. Page, Jr., president, and Hyrum Lemmon and Henry Gardner, counselors. Benediction by Apostle M. W. Merrill.

**Tuesday, 29 January 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 10 a.m. Attended a meeting of the board of directors of the Utah Light and Power Company to consider a proposition made by the New Heat Light and Power Co. for the purchase of a new light, recently invented and now owned by said company, manufactured from coal oil (vapor gas). It is a light equal to, if not brighter than, the electric light and costing about one tenth as much. The price they demanded for the control of the new light in Utah was \$50,000. The deal was not consummated, but our company is very anxious about it, as the new light certainly is a menace to the business of the Utah Light and Power Co. We meet again tomorrow for further negotiation.

12:30 noon. Meeting at the President's office. Present: the First Presidency, Apostles B. Young, J. H. Smith, A. H. Lund, A. O. Woodruff, R. Clawson, Reed Smoot, Bp. W. B. Preston, J. R. Winder, Attorneys LeGrande Young and F. S. Richards, C. W. Penrose, and Bp. H. B. Clawson, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk.

Pres. Snow stated that a very serious charge had been made by *The Salt Lake Tribune* against the Presidency of the church to the effect that they had sold out or bargained away for a money consideration the United States senatorship to Thos. Kearns. The purpose of the meeting, therefore, was to consider the wisdom and propriety of starting a suit for libel against the publishers of that paper. By request of Pres. Snow, Elder C. W. Penrose read a number of excerpts from different issues of the *Tribune* covering the charge.

In the opinion of the attorneys present there was good ground for a libel suit and this view was shared by all present. After some discussion it was unanimously decided that it would not be wisdom for President Snow to institute the suit, but that this should be done by Thos. Kearns, who was equally interested in the matter, and that Pres. Snow could bring suit later on, if deemed advisable.

Many, if not all of the brethren present, felt that if by this arrangement Thos. Kearns was vindicated before the courts and the public, the Presidency also would naturally share in said vindication. It is sufficient to say that there is not the least coloring of truth in the charge, but it is a malicious libel on the part of the *Tribune*. Pres. G. Q. Cannon was delegated to confer with Thos. Kearns relative to the matter.

**Thursday, 31 January 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 11 a.m. Meeting of the brethren at the temple. Present: the First Presidency, Apostles B. Young, F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, J. W. Taylor, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, A. O. Woodruff, R. Clawson, Reed Smoot, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song. A. O. Woodruff was mouth in prayer, and J. W. Taylor was mouth in the circle.

Stake conference appointments: Jordan Stake, B. Young, Jr., and R. Clawson; Summit, M. F. Cowley; Wayne, A. O. Woodruff. Apostles B. Young, Jr., F. M. Lyman, and M. F. Cowley made their report regarding the division of the Cache Stake. They recommended that it be divided into three stakes with the following brethren for presiding officers: namely, Jos. Morrell for president of the middle stake, about 6000 population; Bp. W. H. Lewis for president of the north stake, about 5000 population; and Chas. G. Hyde for president of south stake, about 5000 population. Recommendation adopted by unanimous vote.

Upon motion it was decided that Missouri be attached to the Southwestern States Mission, but that the city of St. Louis shall still remain as a part of the Northern States Mission.

Upon motion the following committee was appointed to supervise the laws now being introduced in the legislature: Apostles J. H. Smith, A. H. Lund, Atty. F. S. Richards and Atty. LeGrande Young. The purpose of this appointment is to guard the interests of the church and state, only so far as the church may properly have any influence.

The question as to whether Mercur Ward should remain in the Tooele Stake or be attached to the Juab [Alpine] Stake, which can be reached with less expense and more ease; and as to whether Mammoth Ward be taken from the Juab Stake and be attached to the Nebo Stake for the same reason was discussed, and it was determined to leave the matter to a decision of a representative from the council and the people.

Elder Wm. Parkinson was honorably released from the presidency of the Pocatello Stake to return to Preston, where his business and family interests needed his attention. In fact he had never moved to Pocatello. Brother Parkinson had given good satisfaction during his brief presidency of that stake. Benediction by Apostle Geo. Teasdale.

**Sunday, 3 February 1901**

Salt Lake City. Several inches of snow during the night. 5 p.m. Conjoint conference of the young people, Stake Supt. Elisha Brown presiding.

R. C[lawson]. The binding nature of the word of God as recorded in the Book of Covenants and also as spoken by the elders under the power of the Holy Spirit. Conversion of the young people to M.I.A. work.

A. O. W[oodruff]. Bad habits. Brief closing remarks were made by Pres. O. P. Miller in which he endorsed the instructions given and made some interesting remarks upon the principle of tithing. We had a very interesting and instructive [Jordan Stake] Conference, and it may be remarked that if the saints would accept and carry out the counsels given at any one of the stake conferences, they could walk straight into the Celestial Kingdom.

**Thursday, 7 February 1901**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cool. 11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: the First Presidency, Apostles B. Young, Jr., F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, J. W. Taylor, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, A. O. Woodruff, R. Clawson, Reed Smoot, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "Wake, O, Wake the World from Sleeping." Apostle A. H. Lund was mouth in prayer, and Pres. G. Q. Cannon in the circle. Song, "Glory to God on High."

Conference appointments: Wasatch, F. M. Lyman and Reed Smoot; Bingham, R. Clawson and A. O. Woodruff. Pres. G. Q. Cannon moved that Elder Platte D. Lyman be presented and sustained as president of the San Juan Stake at their next quarterly conference. Carried.

Pres. J. F. Smith moved that Apostle F. M. Lyman be sustained as president of the European Mission. Carried. It was moved and carried that H. S. Ensign be sustained as president of the Colorado Mission.

After some discussion it was shown to be the sense of the meeting that public funerals among our people be not held where death has resulted from diphtheria.

The question of getting out a cheap edition of the Book of Mormon was discussed. Apostle J. H. Smith reported that an edition of 10,000 copies could be contracted for in Kansas City at

about 21 cents per copy. It would cost about 31 cents if published at home. Pres. Cannon favored having the work done at home, [even] if it were a little more expensive. Action was deferred until the manager of the *Deseret News* [was] consulted.

"Doxology." Benediction by Apostle Geo. Teasdale.

### Monday, 11 February 1901

At the close of the [Bingham Stake] Conference, I was driven to the Idaho Falls Ward, 15 miles distant, where I held meeting. 7 p.m. I arrived at Idaho Falls and put up at Bp. [James] Thomas'. Before going to meeting Bp. Thomas informed [me] that a peculiar and somewhat serious condition prevailed in the ward and he wanted counsel regarding it. He said that one of the sisters had been speaking in tongues at their fast meetings and he feared that it was not done by the Spirit of the Lord. A very unpleasant and unsatisfactory feeling prevailed in the meeting whenever she spoke or sang in tongues. And not only so but the interpretation was not given of the Spirit of God. As a further evidence that the tongue was not from the Lord, one of the sisters in the congregation immediately upon hearing the tongue was visibly affected and went into spasms.

Upon one occasion the bishopric administered to her and rebuked the spirit that was afflicting her, but the administration was without effect. The afflicted sister, contrary to the order of the church, called upon one of her sisters to rebuke the spirit, which was done and it left her. The bishop took occasion to point out to the saints the evil resulting from the exercise of this strange tongue and warned them against it. This greatly angered a young man, who was related to the sister who had spoken in tongues, and who had just returned from a mission to the world, and he arose in the meeting and cursed the bishop in the name of the Lord.

I was very much shocked at the bishop's statement and said that it now became his solemn duty to forbid the sister alluded to from further exercising the strange tongue; and that the young man who had so grievously offended, should be called to answer before the bishop's court, and that if he did not make ample and humble reparation for his fault, he should be disfellowshipped, and the case sent to the high council for further action.

was speaker of the evening. Topics treated. The excellent conference held at Lewisville. The authority pertaining to the bishopric and his right to the spirit of discernment.

#### **Thursday, 14 February 1901**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy, with light snow during night. 11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: First Presidency, and Apostles F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, J. W. Taylor, A. H. Lund, A. O. Woodruff, R. Clawson, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "Guide Us, O Thou Great Jehovah." I was mouth in prayer, and Apostle H. J. Grant in the circle.

The clerk read a letter from Pres. W. C. Parkinson in which he recommended Elder Wilford Bennion for bishop of Neeleyville, Pocatello Stake, to succeed Bishop [William] Neeley, who would be relieved on account of failing health. Recommendation adopted, Brother Bennion to be set apart at next quarterly conference.

Pres. A. W. Ivins of Juarez Stake sent in a written recommendation that Elder Orson P. Brown be sustained as bishop of the new ward, Colonia Morelos, Mexico. The recommendation was adopted, and Pres. A. W. Ivins authorized to set him apart. I was appointed to go to Mercur, Sunday, Feb. 17th, and determine whether it would be wise and proper to attach the Mercur Ward to the Alpine Stake or let it remain a part of the Tooele Stake.

Pres. Cannon stated that it was the mind of the First Presidency that a mission be opened up in Japan and that Apostle H. J. Grant be appointed to take charge of it. The recommendation of the Presidency was adopted by unanimous vote.

Song, "Glory to God on High." Benediction by Apostle J. W. Taylor.

#### **Friday, 15 February 1901**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cool. I spent the day in Brigham City, going in the morning and returning in the evening. I attended to some matters of business while there. Pres. Chas. Kelly is suffering with an attack of his kidneys and is quite sick.

Upon returning home I was shocked to hear of the sudden death of Brother Karl G. Maeser, who passed away during the morning with heart trouble. Brother Maeser has been a very active and faithful man in the church. Under the direction of President



Brigham Young, he built up the Brigham Young Academy of Provo and has done a great work as general supt. of Church Schools, asst. supt. of Religion Classes, and general asst. supt. of the Sunday Schools throughout the church. He will be greatly missed.

**Thursday, 21 February 1901**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and mild; thawing weather. 11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: the First Presidency, Apostles F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, J. W. Taylor, A. H. Lund, A. O. Woodruff, R. Clawson, and Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "Zion Stands with Hills Surrounded." Reed Smoot was mouth in prayer, and Geo. Teasdale was mouth in the circle. Song, "O Give Me Back My Prophet Dear" and "A Poor Wayfaring Man of Grief."

Stake conference appointments: Box Elder, H. J. Grant and R. Clawson; Millard, F. M. Lyman. Elder [Charles A.] Hickenlooper was sustained as bishop of Pleasant View, Weber Stake, to succeed former bishop, removed to Ogden, and Apostle Geo. Teasdale was authorized to attend to the reorganization.

Apostle Reed Smoot recommended that Spring Lake Villa, Utah Stake, be organized into a ward. Recommendation approved. Apostle Smoot delegated to attend to the matter. He recommended that Elder W[illiam] J. Taylor be made bishop. Approved.

I reported my visit to Mercur, and in accordance with a suggestion made by Pres. S. L. Chipman of Alpine Stake, recommended the division of American Fork Ward, which has a population of 2700 souls, and Lehi, which has a population of 3200 souls. Said that Pres. Chipman had informed me that he had plenty of material for officers of two or four wards in each place, and this would bring many more into active service and training than at present. Some of the brethren were adverse to the division, and Apostle Lyman recommended that action be deferred at least until the Lehi meeting house now under construction be completed, and until American Fork has had ample time to complete a meeting house now in contemplation. Recommendation carried.

Apostle H. J. Grant was given time to arrange his financial and personal affairs satisfactorily before leaving for Japan. He thought he could be ready to start in June. He will be accompanied by Elder H. S. Ensign.

Apostle J. W. Taylor reported a series of meetings for missionary purposes held in Farmington. He felt that good would result from same. Conditions prevailing in the Summit Stake were discussed with the result that Apostles J. H. Smith and J. W. Taylor were appointed to visit that stake and ascertain just what changes should be made.

Upon motion the clerk was authorized to notify Bp. [Orson F.] Whitney of the 18th Ward to sever Elder R. W. Sloan from the church for apostasy. Benediction by Apostle F. M. Lyman.

### **Tuesday, 26 February 1901**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and mild. 11 a.m. There is a law now pending before the Utah legislature making it unlawful for anyone to bring a charge of adultery against a married man except the legal wife, she being the aggrieved party. The design of this measure is to curtail the power of our enemies, who seek to bring trouble upon the Latter-day Saints by prosecuting polygamists for unlawful cohabitation.

A meeting was, therefore, called of the Presidency and Twelve to consider the wisdom of passing such a law at this time. There is no question as to the advantages it would bring to our people, but it has been thought by some that it would bring trouble upon the church, as our enemies would claim that we were taking steps to revive the practice of polygamy, which is not true. Present: the First Presidency, and Apostles F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, J. W. Taylor, M. W. Merrill, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, A. O. Woodruff, R. Clawson, Reed Smoot, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. The brethren were called upon to give an expression of their views, and all present expressed themselves in favor of the bill, except Pres. Cannon, who thought it an unwise measure. Pres. Snow said he was not quite clear in his mind as to the policy and wisdom of such a law at this time. A vote was taken and was unanimous in favor of the measure. Adjourned. I spent the balance of the day working on the books of the Utah Coal Co.

### **Thursday, 28 February 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: First Presidency and Apostles F. M. Lyman, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, J. W. Taylor, M. F. Cowley, A. O. Woodruff, R.

Clawson, Reed Smoot, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "O My Father." Prayer by Apostle F. M. Lyman. Song, "Glory to God on High" and "School Thy Feelings, O My Brother."

At the meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 26th, 1901, a difference of view existed among the brethren regarding the proposed law on adultery, and in the discussion that followed feelings of an improper character were manifested as between Pres. Cannon and Pres. J. F. Smith. Pres. Snow said that the matter ought to be rectified and the perfect union of the Twelve restored. He took the view that Pres. Smith was at fault. Pres. Smith made suitable acknowledgments and was freely forgiven. Pres. Geo. Q. Cannon also asked forgiveness, which was freely granted.

Pres. S. L. Chipman of American Fork wrote, asking that Vineyard Ward be attached to the Alpine Stake. It was decided that said ward should remain in the Utah Stake.

Upon motion Edward Snow was released from the presidency of the Eastern States Mission to return home, and [it was decided] that Jno. G. McQuarrie be called to succeed him.

Pres. Cannon moved that Pres. Dan McArthur be honorably released from the presidency of the St. George Stake on account of failing health, and that Edward Snow be appointed in his stead. Carried. Benediction by Apostle H. J. Grant.

#### **Tuesday, 5 March 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. I am making some changes in my home, which will cost about a hundred dollars. I am moving the bathroom from the south part of the house, where we have been having trouble this winter with the water freezing up, to north side of the house, taking a part of one of the bedrooms for the purpose. It is our purpose to throw the former bathroom and office just behind into one large room, which will be used for a parlor, and will be connected with the sitting room by folding doors. This we think will be a decided improvement upon the present arrangement. I spent the day at the President's office.

#### **Thursday, 7 March 1901**

Salt Lake City. Mild and raining. 11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: First Presidency, Apostles B. Young, F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, J. W. Taylor, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley,

A. O. Woodruff, R. Clawson, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "Glorious Things Are Sung of Zion." Apostle M. F. Cowley was mouth in prayer, and Apostle J. H. Smith was mouth in the circle. Song, "Glory to God on High."

Speaking upon the principle of union, Pres. Snow said that the Lord had greatly and abundantly blessed his counselors and the Twelve in the spirit of union that exists between these brethren. "I say (he said) God bless Brother Cannon, God bless Brother Smith, and God bless the Twelve, each one of you, that you may be greatly blessed in your future labors." Pres. Cannon invoked the same blessing upon Pres. Snow, and all the brethren said amen.

The clerk read a petition signed by the presidents of the LeGrande Valley, Or., branches of the church asking for a stake organization. Apostle Cowley was appointed to visit LeGrande Valley and ascertain if the conditions and population are such as to justify favorable action.

A letter signed by about 18 saints living in Teton Valley, Fremont Stake, and addressed to Pres. Thos. E. Ricks, was read. They asked for a ward organization. Request granted.

Stake conference appointments: San Pete, Geo. Teasdale, A. H. Lund, and R. Clawson; Pocatello, J. H. Smith and M. F. Cowley.

Upon the recommendation of the President [Willis E. Robison] of the Wayne Stake, Elder Jno. R. Stewart was sustained as bishop of Torrey Ward to succeed Geo. H. Crosby, moved away.

Apostle J. W. Taylor recommended Elder J. A. McRae as his successor in the presidency of the Colorado Mission. Carried.

Wm. A. Hyde was sustained as president of the Pocatello Stake to succeed Elder Wm. C. Parkinson, and Wm. C. Parkinson was sustained as president of the South Cache Valley Stake, when organized.

Song, "Doxology." Benediction by myself.

### **Sunday, 10 March 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 8:30 a.m. I proceeded to the D. & R. G. [Denver and Rio Grande] Ry. station to take the train for Ephraim to attend the San Pete Stake Conference, but found upon arrival that I had mistaken my train. The one I should have taken left at 7:50 a.m. I was, therefore, obliged to return home in disappointment.

10 a.m. Continuation of Salt Lake Stake Conference, Pres. A. M. Cannon presiding. The speakers were Elder Richard R. Lyman, stake supt. Y.M.M.I.A., Bp. [Heber C.] Iverson, Stake Coun[selor] Chas. W. Penrose, Bp. [George] Romney, and Stake Coun. Jos. E. Taylor. Topics treated. The M.I.A. work. Marriage. The erection of the new Latter-day Saints College building. Church members moving from one ward to another were urged to secure immediate standing in said wards.

During the morning meeting Pres. A. M. Cannon said to Apostle M. F. Cowley and myself that it would be necessary to select two alternate high councillors for the Salt Lake Stake. He had selected, he said, Briant S. Hinckley for one, and asked us to nominate another. Brother Cowley could think of no one, and asked me to suggest, and I gave him the name of my brother, Thomas Alfred Clawson, who is a very faithful man and worthy of promotion. The nomination was accepted.

#### **Thursday, 14 March 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Pres. Snow, and Apostles Geo. Teasdale, J. W. Taylor, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, R. Clawson, Reed Smoot, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet." Prayer by Apostle J. W. Taylor. Song, "Come, All Ye Sons of Zion."

Apostle J. W. Taylor spoke of the appointment of himself and Apostle B. Young, Jr., to visit the Summit Stake to enquire into the conditions there. He said he knew the conditions, which were very bad. He felt that the presidency of the stake and the bishopric of a number of the wards should be reorganized and that the proposed visit was really unnecessary. Some considerable discussion followed upon this subject, and while no definite action was taken (owing to the absence of so many of the brethren) the sentiment was strongly in favor of Apostle J. W. Taylor's recommendation.

Apostle Reed Smoot reported that Brother James E. Hall of Fairview, North San Pete Stake, who enjoyed the gift of healing, had been visiting around among the saints in various wards and stakes exercising this gift, and his success was creating considerable excitement in different places. While many approved of his work, others thought he ought not to operate outside of the ward

where he lived. Pres. Snow ruled that he would have the right to exercise his gift in any of the wards or stakes under the direction of the presiding officers thereof.

There is an army of about 10,000 people connected with the church, who have no standing in any of the wards and stakes of Zion, owing to the fact that in moving from one ward to another they failed to take with them a certificate of standing, and this usually by reason of indifference or carelessness. To assist in correcting this condition, I proposed that the bishop in giving a recommend of removal to any member of his ward, be required to send notice of the fact to the bishop of the ward where the party intended to settle, and also submitted a form to insure the observance of said rule. The recommendation and form were adopted by unanimous vote.

Song, "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing." Benediction by Apostle Reed Smoot.

### **Sunday, 17 March 1901**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and mild. 7 a.m. I left by train for Brigham City for the purpose of dedicating the Brigham City First Ward meeting house, arriving at 9 a.m.

#### *Dedication of the First Ward Meeting House*

7:30 p.m. Bp. Jno. B. McMaster presiding. The meeting house is a fine brick building, with basement for amusements and upper assembly room for worship, and in dimensions is 32 ft. x 65 ft.

Bp. J. B. McMaster was the first speaker and said that the house [was] completed and out of debt and had cost about \$6750. The saints had been united, he said, in the prosecution of the work. The ground was broken in May 1894, and the cornerstone was laid by myself in June 1894.

At this point I offered the dedicatory prayer:

#### *Dedicatory Prayer*

*Delivered March 17th, 1901, by Apostle Rudger Clawson,  
at the Dedicatory Services of the First Ward Meeting  
House, Brigham City, Box Elder Stake of Zion.*

Brethren and Sisters, we will now offer the dedicatory prayer.

All-wise and Holy Father, we, Thy children, members

of the Brigham City First Ward of the Box Elder Stake of Zion, approach Thee at this time as a worshipping congregation and we do humbly and gratefully thank Thee for this privilege, and we thank Thee for all Thy mercies so graciously bestowed upon us. We thank Thee, Holy Father, that Thou didst put it into the hearts of this people to come together and determine to build a house in which to assemble from time to time to worship before Thee, and to offer up the devotion of their hearts and the praises of their souls; and also to assemble under the various organizations of the ward, such as the Relief Society, the Sunday School, the Mutual Improvement Associations, the Primary Association, and Religion Class, and the quorums of the priesthood. And that a place should be provided where Thy servants and handmaidens can come together to call upon Thy name, to receive instruction, and be converted, and blessed. And we thank Thee, Holy Father, for that degree of union and oneness that has characterized this enterprise from the first, wherein Thy saints have manifested a willingness to listen to counsel, and have been liberal in contributing of their substance for the accomplishment of the work, and for the presentation of this house unto Thee free from debt and obligation.

Now, we rejoice in these things, and feel to praise Thy holy name, and we present this house unto Thee, O Lord. We dedicate it unto Thy holy name, yea, every part and portion thereof; with the foundation upon which this house rests and the walls thereof, and the basement which has been provided for a place of amusement for the dramatic performance, for entertainments, and for dances that shall be conducted under the influence of Thy Spirit, for we realize, Holy Father, that Thou dost approve of suitable and proper recreation for Thy saints; and also the upper room in which we are assembled, and everything pertaining thereunto; the walls, the windows, and the material of which they are composed; the stand for the priesthood, and the choir stand and the auditorium, and the seats that are

provided, and all that pertains to this room in every detail and every portion thereof. We dedicate unto Thee, Holy Father, the roof that covers this building and all the material pertaining thereto, and every part and portion thereof; and we ask that Thy Spirit and blessing may rest down upon this house in its entirety from the foundation to the crown thereof.

And we do humbly beseech Thee that this house may never be defiled or polluted in any manner, and that nothing may ever be said or transpire here that shall cause the withdrawal of Thy Holy Spirit. And wilt Thou grant that it may endure and that it may withstand the fury of the elements, and that it may remain intact by Thy power and blessing, for this house has been erected to Thy name for Thy worship. We rejoice in that which our eyes do behold, for we realize, as we look into the past, that we have been the recipients of great blessings, that Thou hast been with us, that Thou hast prospered us, and that in the accomplishment of this work we have been rewarded fourfold for all that we have contributed thereto. And we do know that this effort has brought a blessing unto Thy work and unto Thy people in this ward and stake of Zion, and we feel that, by this good work and all our good works and our faithfulness, we have assisted in a small degree in establishing Zion upon the earth.

We pray that Thy choicest blessings may be poured out upon Thy servant, John B. McMaster, the bishop of this ward. We thank Thee for his integrity and faithfulness and we feel to sustain and support him in his high calling. Wilt Thou also bless his counselors, that they may be one with him, and the acting teachers, and the various organizations of the ward, naming each one before Thee, the Relief Society, the Sunday School, the Young Men's organization, the Young Ladies' organization, the Primary Association, the Religion Class, and the choir, and the leader of the choir, and those who preside in these organizations. We pray that Thy blessings may be upon them at all times when they shall



come together to learn of Thee and be instructed in Thy ways. We also ask Thy blessings upon the quorums of the lesser priesthood, and the members of the high priesthood who live in this ward, the brethren and sisters and the little children, that the children may escape the contagious diseases that abound in the land, that the same may be rebuked from this ward because of the faithfulness of this people.

Now, we do not feel to further multiply words before Thee, our Father. We pray that Thou wilt accept this house in its entirety, which we dedicate to Thee and Thy cause for the blessing of this people; and we do it in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Pres. Chas. Kelly gave some facts concerning the building of the house, stating that about seven years ago Brother R. Clawson—then president of the stake—counseled the people of the first ward to sell their old meeting house to the school trustees and build a new house. This work had now been accomplished. He related how by the same counsel a new meeting house had been erected in Three Mile Creek, Beaver Ward, North Ward, and Bear River City. Spoke words of praise for the new house as we now behold it.

I followed and spoke words of praise and commendation for the faithfulness of the people of the First Ward in the building of the new meeting house and said that the Lord was pleased with their labors. Referred to the completeness of the work in every detail, both in appearance and finish, and expressed the opinion that it would bring them credit wherever spoken of throughout Zion. Asked the Lord to bless the bishopric, the building committee, and all who had been associated with them in the good work. Blessed the people for the union and liberality manifested by them.

#### **Thursday, 21 March 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Pres. L. Snow, Pres. J. F. Smith, and Apostles B. Young, F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, A. H. Lund, R. Clawson, Reed Smoot, and Geo. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "Glory to God on High." Apostle A. H. Lund was mouth in prayer, and Apostle B. Young was mouth in the circle.

The clerk read a letter addressed by Reuben A. McBride to Pres. [Ira N.] Hinckley of the Millard Stake. He asked to be reinstated in the church and have his former blessings and priesthood sealed upon him. The status of the case may be given in a few words. Some 13 years ago he was cut off the church for the crime of murder committed while under the influence of liquor. It seems that in a moment of anger, while intoxicated, he killed a man by the name of Speed for striking his son. He was tried, convicted, and sentenced to 10 years imprisonment, but, after serving three years, was pardoned. He has since led a temperate life, is repentant, and desires reinstatement in the church. After some discussion the matter was referred to the presidency and high council of the Millard Stake for action. It was, however, decided that in any event he could only receive a standing in the church and would not be entitled to receive the priesthood.

Song, "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing." Benediction by myself.

#### **Sunday, 24 March 1901**

Mt. Pleasant, Utah. Snowing and cold. 11 a.m. Continuation of [North San Pete Stake] Conference, Pres. C. N. Lund presiding.

H. B. [Henry Beal] Felt the saints here would be greatly blessed in having a stake organization under the division. The blessing of wives and children. Spoke of the building of the Ephraim Academy, and suggested that the sisters contribute their Sunday eggs to assist in the good work; if this were done, he estimated they would get about \$5000 during the year. Asked the Lord to bless the apostles.

2 p.m. Continuation of conference, Pres. C. N. Lund presiding. The speakers [were] Pres. C. N. Lund, myself, and Apostle A. H. Lund. Topics treated. C. N. L[und]. Was pleased with the reports given by the bishops, with the singing, and with the sermons. Spoke of the academy in course of erection at Ephraim and said this enterprise should have the support of the saints.

R. C[lawson]. The power of prayer. Religion class work. The building of the academy at Ephraim. A. H. L[und]. The academy at Ephraim. Religion class work.

**Thursday, 28 March 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Snow and Smith, and Apostles B. Young, F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, J. W. Taylor, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, R. Clawson, Reed Smoot, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "If You Could Hie to Kolob." I was mouth in prayer, and Pres. J. F. Smith in the circle. Song, "Weep, Weep, Not for [Me,] Zion." Stake conference appointments: Sevier, M. F. Cowley.

It was learned by letter that a sheep difficulty, lately arisen in the Beaver Stake, needed adjustment. It was decided that two of the brethren be appointed to go there and effect settlement.

Apostle M. F. Cowley reported his visit to Oregon. He attended meetings in Baker City, Portland, and branches of the church in LaGrande Valley. His visit was quite satisfactory, he said, and moved that a stake of Zion be organized in the state of Oregon, that it be called the Union Stake, and that Elder Franklin S. Bramwell be chosen for president. Carried by unanimous vote.

Pres. [William] Budge of the Bear Lake Stake recommended Alfred Kerl for bishop of Fishaven. Adopted. In answer to the request of Pres. S. L. Chipman of the Alpine Stake, Apostle Teasdale was appointed to attend the stake monthly priesthood meeting at American Fork, Sat., March 30th, 1901. Apostle Reed Smoot reported the organization of the Spring Lake Villa Ward with Jesse W. [William Jesse] Taylor as bishop.

Apostle Reed Smoot was appointed, with any of the brethren he might select to go with him, to visit the North Morgan Ward, Morgan Stake, and settle a difficulty that had arisen there in regard to the building of a new meeting house. Apostle H. J. Grant reported that under permission of Pres. Snow he had written Louis A. Kelsch, pres. [of the] Northern States Mission, inviting him to go to Japan to assist in opening up the mission there and that Brother Kelsch had accepted the invitation.

It was decided that the presidents of seventies quorums be not interfered with any more than possible in effecting stake and ward organizations. Benediction by Apostle F. M. Lyman.

**Monday, 1 April 1901**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cool. Having completed my work on the church financial statement for 1900, I submitted a portion

of it to Pres. Snow during the forenoon, namely, the statement of receipts and disbursements from all sources for the year 1900. He seemed to be quite pleased with my labors. I will submit the statement of revenues and expenses for the same period, tomorrow.

### Tuesday, 2 April 1901

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and mild; threatening storm. 10 a.m. Attended a meeting of the executive committee of the Utah Light and Power Co.

11 a.m. Came into the meeting of the first session of the quarterly conference of the Twelve and Apostle F. M. Lyman was speaking. Topics treated. The appointment of Apostle H. J. Grant to carry the gospel to Japan; thought it a very important mission. His own call to the presidency of the European Mission; anxious to fill the appointment to the satisfaction of the Lord and his brethren. Felt that the Lord could and would qualify Brother Heber and himself for the work before them. He wanted, he said, the faith and prayers of the brethren and desired to be remembered by them when they came together in their usual meetings. Said the Lord has blessed the apostles and given them success in their labors and will bless them so long as they are humble and faithful. Referred to the Canada canal settlement effected by himself and Brother Clawson, which was accomplished under the blessing of the Lord. He closed by saying: "Brethren, I leave with you my love, confidence, fellowship, and blessing."

Apostle J. H. Smith. Topics treated. Rejoiced in the work of the Lord and in the fellowship of the brethren. Hoped Apostles Lyman and Grant would be successful in their missions.

Apostle Geo. Teasdale. Topics treated. Had presided over the European Mission and rejoiced in his labors there. Apostle Grant's mission to Japan, and the preaching of the gospel in the world. Believed that Apostles Lyman and Grant would be able to accomplish all that the Lord designed concerning them. Hoped the Lord would spare the life of Pres. Geo. Q. Cannon, who is dangerously sick in California. Spoke of Pres. Cannon's active and faithful life.

Benediction by Apostle M. W. Merrill. Adjourned until 2:30 p.m.

2:30 p.m. Continuation of quarterly meeting. Full quorum

present. Song, "Let Us Pray, Gladly Pray."

Apostle H. J. Grant was the first speaker. Topics treated. His mission to Japan; he had been studying up the history of the Japanese and found they were a very progressive people. He expected to take with him Elders Louis A. Kelsch and Horace S. Ensign. His business affairs would be left in fairly good shape. Was pleased with the division of some of the larger stakes and felt that good would result therefrom. Said he had absolute confidence in all the brethren of the Twelve and felt to leave his blessing with them. Felt to suggest that it would be a nice thing and a strength to him, if one of the apostles could accompany him to Japan.

Apostle J. W. Taylor. Topics. Desired to be humble and obedient to the counsels of the brethren. Felt interested in Brother F. M. Lyman, Jr., who is suffering from nervous prostration and is afflicted in his mind, and believed that if the brethren were united he might be healed. Suggested that Pres. Cannon and Elder F. M. Lyman, Jr., be specially remembered in our prayers on Thursday. Thought some plans should be devised to preach the gospel to strangers in our midst.

Apostle M. W. Merrill. Topics treated. Always felt diffident in getting up to speak. Had enjoyed the meeting. Speaking of Elder Fred [Heber J.] Grant, said that he had an important mission to fill; this had been shown to him. Felt that one of the apostles should go with Heber to Japan. Saw no reason why Elder F. M. Lyman, Jr., should not be healed; the Lord might have a reason but he knew of none. Felt well toward his brethren.

Apostle A. H. Lund. Topics treated. Had greatly enjoyed the meeting. Felt that Apostle F. M. Lyman would enjoy his labors as president of the European Mission. Spoke of the various missions in Europe. Thought a good work might be done in the Holy Land.

Benediction by Apostle J. W. Taylor. Adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

After the meeting I submitted the statement of revenues and expenses of the church for the year 1900 to Pres. Snow. He was very much pleased with the showing made, and also with the manner in which the statement was formulated. This statement and also the one submitted to him on Monday will be submitted to the Presidency and Twelve at their meeting on Thursday, April 4th.

**Wednesday, 3 April 1901**

Salt Lake City. Cool and snowing. 10 a.m. Continuation of the conference of the Twelve, Pres. B. Young, Jr., presiding. Full quorum present. Song, "Redeemer of Israel." Prayer by Apostle A. H. Lund. [Song,] "God Moves in a Mysterious Way."

Apostle M. F. Cowley was the first speaker. Topics treated. Rejoiced in his fellowship with the brethren. Spoke of the faithfulness of the First Council of Seventies and felt that they should have a little further help from the church than they were receiving. Thought steps should be taken to publish a cheap edition of the Book of Mormon; an edition could be gotten out—say of 10,000—for \$2100 or 20 cts. a piece. Desired, he said, to be devoted to the cause.

Pres. B. Young, Jr., said nothing could be done about the Book of Mormon in the absence of Pres. Cannon. Thought the Seven Presidents of Seventies should have further assistance.

A. O. Woodruff. Topics treated. Felt that a special fast should be held and prayer be offered in behalf of F. M. Lyman, Jr., by the Twelve. Had recently been visiting the new colonies in the Big Horn and found the saints there getting along nicely; they are prosecuting work on the canal. Favored the organization of a stake in the Big Horn country and suggested for the presidency, Byron Sessions, Jesse W. Crosby, and Brother [Charles A.] Welsch. Said a great many of our people are moving into Canada—some 200 had gone there recently—but it was the mind of Pres. Snow that it would be better for our people to settle in the states, where they would have political influence. Invoked the blessing of the Lord upon Pres. B. Young, Jr., Apostles F. M. Lyman, H. J. Grant, and the members of the quorum.

A committee of two, namely, H. J. Grant and Reed Smoot, were appointed to confer with the Presidency and see if something could be done for the widow of Karl G. Maeser, who is in poor circumstances. R. Clawson. Topics treated. Said he had greatly enjoyed the meetings of the conference. Felt well towards his brethren of the Twelve. Also rejoiced in his labors in the ministry and apostleship. Had been engaged for some time upon a financial statement of church affairs for the year 1900, but, notwithstanding this, had endeavored to meet every requirement and call made upon him to go into the stakes of Zion. Rejoiced in the union of

the Presidency and Twelve. Showed how that God is no respecter of persons in that the leaders of the people have to make sacrifices as well as humbler members of the church. Spoke of the faithfulness of the First Presidency.

Reed Smoot. Topics treated. Spoke of the missionary call of Apostles Lyman and Grant and felt that they would be blessed. Expressed a hope for the recovery of Pres. Geo. Q. Cannon. Said he had perfect confidence in the members of the quorum.

Remarks were made by Apostles F. M. Lyman, J. W. Taylor, and R. Clawson, and Pres. B. Young, Jr., upon the principle of healing by the laying on of hands. They thought this ordinance should always be performed in a simple way, as prescribed by the word of God, and not with display.

Song. Benediction by Apostle F. M. Cowley. After the meeting 5 sisters were set apart for the practice of midwifery among the saints by Apostle J. H. Smith, J. W. Taylor, and myself. I was mouth in setting apart Sister Augusta Pratt.

2:30 p.m. Gathering at the Beehive House under the direction of Bp. Jno. R. Winder and the Salt Lake Temple workers in honor of President Lorenzo Snow's eighty-seventh birthday. It was a delightful affair.

### *Program*

Congratulatory remarks, Bp. J. R. Winder. In connection with his remarks he reported for the information and comfort of President Snow the ordinance work done in the temple since its opening, as follows:

Number of ordinances performed from the opening until April 1900	
	544,333
Total for past year	68,881
Grand total	613,214

Response, Pres. L. Snow. He expressed his appreciation of the honor done by the presence of the brethren and sisters. Was greatly pleased with the report of the temple work done. Spoke of his having been set apart by Pres. Woodruff as president of the Salt Lake Temple, and he was then informed by Pres. Woodruff that he had been appointed in the other world to said position before he came here.

Remarks, Pres. J. F. Smith. He expressed appreciation for the life of Pres. Snow. He also expressed love for the brethren. Remarks, B. Young, Jr. Stated that the Twelve had been holding their quarterly conference, and during the meetings it was truly manifested that they were perfectly united with each other and the Presidency, and were each and all ready under the direction and call of our Prophet and President to go to the ends of the earth, if need be, and preach the gospel.

Remarks, S. B. Young. In behalf of the 138 quorums of seventies he congratulated Pres. Snow and wished him many happy returns of the day. Remarks, Apostle M. W. Merrill. As president reported the work at the Logan Temple as being in a prosperous condition. Over a million souls had been baptized for and endowed since its dedication some 24 years ago. Spoke relative to the principle of tithing. Prophesied that in the due time of the Lord Pres. Snow would have power to save every soul in his family.

Remarks, David H. Cannon. Reported favorable conditions in the St. George Temple. Said Pres. Snow had promised the people of the St. George country that, if they were faithful in honoring the law of tithing and other commandments of God, they should be visited by the early and latter rains. This promise had been literally fulfilled, for a recent drought of some 5 years had been broken by copious rains. Explained how he had been guided by revelation in his labors at the temple.

#### Thursday, 4 April 1901

Salt Lake City. Clear and cold. 10 a.m. Continuation of conference of the Twelve, Pres. B. Young, Jr., presiding. Full quorum present. Song, "Once More My Soul the Rising Day." Prayer by Apostle A. O. Woodruff. [Song,] "Away with Our Fears."

There was some further discussion in regard to administering to the sick. It was clearly the mind of the brethren that it should be done in a simple manner, without display, according to the order of the church. A letter incorporating this view was addressed to Jas. Hall of Springville, who had been going about among the saints holding special fast meetings and administering to the sick; and although he may have been accomplishing good, his manner of doing was thought to be too much in the nature of display of



the power of God. (The Presidency afterwards approved of said letter.)

It was moved that we recommend Jos. E. Robinson to succeed E. H. Nye as president of the California Mission. Carried. It was also moved that we recommend Walter C. Lyman to succeed Louis A. Kelsch, president of the Northern States Mission. Carried.

11:30 a.m. Presidents Snow and Smith came in. Elder Jos. E. Robinson was sustained as president of the California Mission, and Walter C. Lyman as president of the Northern States Mission. Upon motion Edward Pugmire of the Bear Lake Stake was called to take a mission to California.

Apostle M. F. Cowley called attention to the labors of the Seven Presidents of Seventies. Said they had been very faithful and through their labors he was satisfied that the tithing of the church had been greatly increased. Inasmuch as some of them were in straightened circumstances, notably Brother B. H. Roberts (the latter was now acting as a life insurance agent), he felt that the compensation of the Seven Presidents of Seventies should be increased.

President Snow said that nothing could be done in the matter at present. We have not arrived at a point where we can say to the general authorities of the church: "Give up all your financial affairs, devote your whole time to the work, and the church will provide fully for you; but that time is coming."

[President Snow:] Said that there are many bishops in the church, who are not capable and efficient in their official calling, many of them not being naturally endowed with the qualifications for the bishopric. In all such cases they should be released and others planted in their stead. The payment of tithes should be carefully looked after. There are 10,000 non-tithe-payers in the church. This should not be.

A motion prevailed to the effect that the Summit Stake be reorganized with Moses Taylor as president. Apostle H. J. Grant's suggestion that he leave his family and proceed to Japan with three of the brethren as assistants to open up the mission there and that, if advisable, he send for his family later, was approved by the Presidency and Apostles.

I then read a statement showing the financial condition of the church for the year 1900. About an hour was occupied in the

reading. A very brief synopsis of the figures submitted is given below:

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
FROM ALL SOURCES OF THE TRUSTEE-IN-TRUST  
FOR THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS  
FOR THE YEAR 1900**

Balance on hand	586,451.66
Tithes recd. for the year 1900	1,183,007.01
Receipts from sundry sources (see detailed report)	386,683.97
Total receipts for year	1,569,690.98
Grant total	2,156,142.64
Total disbursements to sundry sources (see detailed report)	1,576,208.56
Balance on hand, Jan. 1st, 1901	579,934.08

Statement showing the revenues and expenses of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for the year 1900 (taken from the receipts and disbursements)

**REVENUES**

Tithes recd. for the year 1900	1,183,007.01
Salt Lake Temple free-will offerings	5,952.10
Dividends on capital stocks	22,399.20
Capital stocks sold	63,712.00
Dedicated stock sold	61,616.13
Recd. on donation for Jackson Co. Temple	1,250.00
Rents	2,556.75
Recd. from sale of Deseret Telegraph Line	10,117.24
Recd. from sale of real estate	41,700.00
Interest on various obligations	35,145.19
Rebate on missionary fares	6,143.32
Receipts from sundry sources (see detailed report)	15,241.87
Total revenues for year 1900	1,448,840.81

**EXPENSES**

Appropriations to church authorities	88,806.93
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Salary acct. (clerks, janitors, night-watchmen &c.)	36,490.61
Appropriations to church educational institutions	61,774.27
Appropriations to temples	49,878.70
Stake and ward meeting houses	5,040.15
Incidental expense	12,312.98
Improvements and repairs on church property, Salt Lake City	22,023.60
Improvements and repairs on tithing premises in the stakes	22,812.38
Losses in handling tithes for 1900	68,311.49
Stake expenses in handling tithes	17,649.67
Bishop's percentage for handling tithes	104,839.10
Deseret News (new) building	91,460.59
Interest on sundry notes	99,115.71
Amount appropriated to sinking fund acct. church bonds	50,000.00
Amount appropriated for the poor	41,427.21
Amount paid acct. fares returning missionaries	18,283.94
Appropriation to wind up Utah Loan and Trust Co.'s business	39,000.00
Taxes on church property for 1900	11,499.26
Sundry other expenses (see detailed report)	49,641.31
Total expenses for year 1900	890,367.90
Total revenues brought down	1,448,840.81
Total expenses brought down	890,367.90
Total excess of revenues over expenses for the year 1900	558,472.91

A statement showing the Church indebtedness Oct. 1st, 1898, and the indebtedness April 1st, 1901.

Church indebtedness, Oct. 1st, 1898	2,168,012.20
Indebtedness incurred from Oct. 1st, 1898, to April 1st, 1901	374,194.90
	2,542,207.10

Less amount paid by the trustee-in-trust on church indebtedness from Oct. 1st,

1898, to April 1st, 1901	1,257,950.35
Total church indebtedness, April 1, 1901	1,284,256.75
Total annual interest paid on church indebtedness, January 1st, 1899	138,180.89
Total annual interest paid on church indebtedness, April 1st, 1901	77,654.22
Total annual reduction of interest (or saving to the church)	60,526.67
Total monthly reduction of interest	5,043.89

TITHES

Total tithing paid in 1898	794,332.28
Total tithing paid in 1899	1,138,362.64
Total tithing paid in 1900	1,183,007.01
Total tithing for the three years	\$3,115,701.93

REVENUES

Total revenues for 1898	836,639.36
Total revenues for 1899	1,258,508.66
Total revenues for 1900	1,448,840.81
Total revenues for the three years	\$3,543,988.83

EXPENSES

Total expenses for 1898	592,627.38
Total expenses for 1899	639,083.10
Total expenses for 1900	890,367.90
Total expenses for the three years	2,122,078.38
Total excess of revenues over expenses for the three years	1,421,920.45
Average revenue for three years	1,181,319.61
	[1,181,329.61]
Average expense for three years	707,359.46
Average yearly excess of revenues over expenses for 3 years	473,960.15
	[473,970.15]

Pres. Jos. F. Smith moved that the report be received with thanks, approved, and placed on file. Carried by unanimous vote.

The sacrament was then administered, Pres. J. F. Smith being mouth in pronouncing the blessing upon the bread and wine.

While at the table I moved that the following brethren be sustained as the presidency of the Big Horn Stake (it having been previously moved and carried that the Big Horn colonies be organized into a stake of Zion): Byron Sessions, president; Jesse W. Crosby, 1st counselor; and [Charles A.] Welsch, 2nd counselor. Carried by unanimous vote.

Benediction by Apostle B. Young, Jr. After the reading of the minutes, the meeting adjourned for three months.

#### **Saturday, 6 April 1901**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and mild. 7:30 [p.m.] Very heavy snowstorm in progress. Priesthood meeting at the tabernacle, Pres. J. F. Smith presiding.

Pres. J. F. Smith was the first speaker. Topics treated. Some of our brethren of the priesthood in need of conversion. There is one bishop [Samuel F. Atwood] in the church, according to report, and perhaps others, that does not believe that the Father and Son visited Joseph Smith. Non-tithe-payers. A time of pruning is to come, when men of the priesthood and position, who are unfitted to preside by reason of age, or bodily infirmities, or indifference, or lack of faith, will be released and others planted in their stead. The widows and orphans to be taken care of by the church.

Apostle F. M. Lyman. Topics treated. Changes among the officials of the church necessary from time to time in the interest of the cause. Record keeping in the wards of the church and record day. The necessity of presidencies of stakes and bishops of wards meeting together oft. Revelation always needed in the church.

A. O. Woodruff. Topics treated. Admonished and counseled the brethren who sell out their homes to go and settle in new countries not to sell to the unbeliever, but to our own people.

#### **Sunday, 7 April 1901**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cold with about 3 or 4 inches of snow on the ground. Word comes to the brethren of the Twelve from Pres. Snow that he has just recd. the guaranty given by the church to secure payment of the 1500 \$1000 bonds (or \$1,500,000) of the Pioneer Electric Power Co. It cost the church \$225,000 to secure the return of said guaranty, but it is felt by the brethren, notwithstanding the heavy actual cost (\$225,000) to the church,

that the Lord has removed from our path a threatening danger of great magnitude. The church at the present time is rapidly being freed from debt, but was liable at any moment, through the guaranty, to be engulfed in a further indebtedness of \$1,500,000.

### **Monday, 8 April 1901**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cool. 10 a.m. Meeting of the First Presidency, the Twelve, the presidencies of stakes, bishops of wards, and other authorities at the assembly hall, President Snow presiding. A telegram from Pres. Cannon stated that he was somewhat better.

President Snow. Topics treated. Only those who are fully entitled to their second anointings should receive this blessing. Presidents of stakes are under a high responsibility in this matter. The elders of Israel will never be called to go back to Jackson County, unless they conform in perfect obedience to the law of tithing. Some bishops were derelict last year in teaching the people of their wards the law of tithing. The proper name of the tithing record is the "Book of the Law of the Lord." "This church will never go back to Jackson County to build up the temple, until the church as a church learns to observe the law of tithing. No one can get a remission of his sins except by baptism, and so no one can secure the blessings of the land he occupies except by observance of the law of tithing."

[President Snow] Blessed the brethren and authorities present. Said that it was a wonderful blessing to receive and hold a portion of this sacred and all-powerful priesthood. You can afford to make any sacrifice that may be required. Abraham never would have been able to offer his son Isaac, as a sacrifice, had he not known the blessings connected with the priesthood. The church can pay all of its obligations as they fall due, or may arise, and we do not have to borrow money for that purpose. Admonished the brethren not to enter into obligations they cannot meet when due.

Pres. J. F. Smith. Topics treated. Mask balls among the saints not approved by the First Presidency. 2[nd] anointings. Binding and sealing power of the high priesthood of the church. Importance of union.

Apostle H. J. Grant. Topics treated. Perseverance. The nobility

of labor. Learning to sing. Redemption of Zion. Tithing. A. O. Woodruff. Topics. Importance of sustaining and carrying out counsel.

Elder S. B. Young. Topics. The organizing of the seventies quorums. Desired the local authorities not to take presidents of seventies for local positions, only in cases where it is imperative.

Reed Smoot. Topics. Read a letter in regard to proper manner of administering to the sick. Tithing.

R. Clawson. Topics. The establishment of a Record Day in the church. The importance of conforming to the counsel given in this matter. Tithing. J. W. Taylor. Topics. Proper entertainment of the Presidency, the Twelve, and the Seven Presidents in the stakes of Zion.

#### **Thursday, 11 April 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild; like spring. 10:30 a.m. Short session of the Twelve. Present: Apostles B. Young, Jr., F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, J. W. Taylor, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, A. O. Woodruff, R. Clawson, and Reed Smoot. Song. Prayer, myself. Song, "God Moves in a Mysterious Way."

It was moved that hereafter in our meetings, after singing and prayer, no one should speak without first obtaining recognition of presiding officer. At 11 a.m. Presidents L. Snow and J. F. Smith came in. Song, "May We Who Know the Joyful Sound." Apostle H. J. Grant was mouth in prayer, and A. O. Woodruff in the circle. Stake conference appointments: Utah, Apostles J. H. Smith and Geo. Teasdale; Emery, Apostles M. F. Cowley and A. O. Woodruff.

Pres. Snow said that the brethren of the Twelve should give the matter of tithe-paying in the stakes their personal attention; there are many bishops who should be released on account of their lack of qualifications. He had no fears, he said, but that the church would be relieved of its financial embarrassment, but the land of Zion could only be sanctified to the saints by the proper observance of this law.

I expressed the view that the most effectual way to reach the non-tithe-payers would be to take up a special and personal labor with the presidencies of stakes and bishops of wards. Apostle Reed Smoot thought that presidents of stakes and bishops of wards should refrain from going to the saints for donations to meet stake

and ward expenses, but should be allowed sufficient tithing to cover the same, and with this idea in view the presiding authorities should redouble their efforts to get the people to pay their tithing in full. Some of the brethren did not share in this view.

Apostle H. J. Grant felt that the Salt Lake Stake with a church population of about 24,000 was still too large and suggested that a committee be appointed to investigate and report as to the advisability of such action. Carried. Upon motion of Pres. J. F. Smith, Apostles H. J. Grant and R. Clawson were appointed as said committee. In the discussion that followed some of the brethren—notably Pres. J. F. Smith and Apostle A. H. Lund—expressed the view that it would be better to reorganize the presidency of the Salt Lake Stake than to divide it. There seemed to be a feeling among the brethren that whether the stake was divided or not divided, there should be a change in the stake presidency. Benediction by Apostle J. H. Smith.

### **Sunday, 14 April 1901**

Salt Lake City. Mild and beautiful day. I spent the day quietly at home, it being my first Sunday at home for many weeks.

6:30 p.m. Meeting at the 18th Ward chapel, Bp. O. F. Whitney presiding. Bp. Whitney stated that several members of the ward had been severed from the church for apostasy, they having embraced the Christian Scientist faith. In the case of Thos. J. McIntosh, who holds the priesthood and whose name was sent up to the high council, the action of the bishop's court in disfellowshipping him was sustained and he was cut off the church. The other cases were those of sisters and the bishopric having the necessary jurisdiction, they were cut off by the bishop's court.

### **Wednesday, 17 April 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool; beautiful day.

#### ***Funeral service of President Geo. Q. Cannon***

The Twelve Apostles acted as pallbearers. The corpse was enclosed in a very handsome white plush casket and left the Cannon home in the southwestern part of the city at 11 a.m., reaching the tabernacle at 12 noon. The building was appropriately draped in white, the floral display being most chaste and beautiful. Attendance was crowded, Pres. L. Snow presiding.



The speakers were Apostle Geo. Teasdale in behalf of Deseret Sunday School Board and the Sunday Schools, Apostle H. J. Grant in behalf of the general Y.M.M.I.A. board, Geo. H. Brimhall in behalf of the B. Y. Academy and church schools, Apostles B. Young, J. H. Smith, and J. W. Taylor.

Pres. Jos. F. Smith testified that he had always known Pres. Cannon as a man of sterling integrity. He had been faithful to his brethren, faithful and true to the interests of Zion and in every way a mighty man. Dwelt upon the subject of the resurrection. Admonished the wives and children of Pres. Cannon to follow in the footsteps of their illustrious husband and father.

Being in feeble health Pres. Lorenzo Snow did not speak, but had prepared some remarks which were read by his son, LeRoi. Testified to the faithfulness, integrity, and humility of Pres. Cannon as his first counselor and as a Latter-day Saint.

A very long line of carriages followed to the cemetery, and the grave was dedicated by Apostle A. H. Lund. The following order was observed in the cortege: the First Presidency, the Twelve Apostles, the hearse, family, various orders of the priesthood, various organizations, friends.

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**Thursday, 18 April 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Pres. J. F. Smith, and Apostles B. Young, Jr., F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, M. W. Merrill, A. H. Lund, A. O. Woodruff, R. Clawson, and Reed Smoot, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "God Moves in a Mysterious [Way]." Apostle Teasdale was mouth in prayer, and F. M. Lyman in the circle.

Quarterly conference appointments: Weber, Geo. Teasdale, R. Clawson, and A. O. Woodruff; Juab, A. H. Lund and M. F. Cowley; Tooele, F. M. Lyman and H. J. Grant. I called attention to the fact that arrangements had been made to consummate the division of the Cache Stake on the 28th of April, and it would, therefore, be necessary to determine the names of the new stakes. It was decided to call the north stake, the Benson Stake, the center stake, the Cache stake, and the south stake, the Hyrum stake, in honor of the Patriarch Hyrum Smith. Some of the brethren rather favored the name of Logan for the center stake, and it was consequently decided to let the people indicate their choice as between Cache and Logan. It was further decided that the headquarters of the Benson Stake should be at Richmond.

Song, "Doxology." Benediction by Apostle M. F. Merrill.

**Wednesday, 24 April 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 7 a.m. Went to the Oregon Short Line Station to say good-bye to Apostle F. M. Lyman, who leaves to take charge of the European Mission. He also takes his wife with him. Members of his family and others were there to see him off.

I spent a portion of the day on the roller mill books. At 5 p.m. attended a meeting of the general board of the Y.M.M.I.A.

Our little Marion still continues very sick with heavy fever, which has had about 5 weeks run up to the present time. We feel, however, that he is mending a little.

**Thursday, 25 April 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Lorenzo Snow and Jos. F. Smith, and Apostles B. Young, Jr., Jno. Henry Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, J. W. Taylor, A. H. Lund, A. O. Woodruff, R. Clawson, Reed Smoot, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "Guide Us, O Thou Great Jehovah." Apostle J. H. Smith was mouth in prayer, and Reed Smoot in the circle. Song, "O Ye Mountains High."

Stake conference appointments: Cache, B. Young, M. W. Merrill, M. F. Cowley, and myself; Bannock, J. W. Taylor; Alpine, J. H. Smith; Fremont, A. H. Lund. Apostle Grant and myself made our report as to the advisability of dividing the Salt Lake Stake, giving data showing that it would be a wise and proper move, and we recommended that it be done. In support of the position taken by us, we submitted a letter from Frank Y. Taylor, president of the Granite Stake, in which he pointed out the growth, improvement, and progress made by the people of that section of country, since they were separated from the Salt Lake Stake. We represented that the present Salt Lake Stake comprises some 30 wards and a population of about 24,000 souls. We felt that no single presidency could do justice to so large and populous a stake. Pres. Snow seemed to be quite pleased with the report and suggested that, as it was a matter of great importance, action be deferred for the present.

Permission was given to Apostle H. J. Grant to get up a concert in the tabernacle, June 1st, for the benefit of the Japan Mission. Apostles B. Young, Jr., J. W. Taylor, and Reed Smoot reported

their visit to and the reorganization of the Summit Stake, with Brother Moses Taylor as president. Benediction by Apostle A. H. Lund.

### **Sunday, 28 April 1901**

Salt Lake [City]. Clear and cool. Our little baby [Marion] is still quite sick and spent a restless night.

7 a.m. Left by train for Logan to attend the Cache Stake Conference and to assist in effecting a division of the stake, arriving at 10:40 a.m. Apostle A. O. Woodruff was on the train, and we were met by Jos. Morrell and were driven to the high council chamber in the tithing office building.

Meeting of some of the apostles. Present: B. Young, Jr., M. W. Merrill, M. F. Cowley, A. O. Woodruff, and myself. The plan of our procedure was discussed. The following motions prevailed: that the Cache Stake be reorganized today; that the Hyrum Stake be organized Tuesday with Apostle M. W. Merrill and A. O. Woodruff to attend to the matter; that the Benson Stake be organized on Tuesday with Apostles B. Young, Jr., and M. F. Cowley to effect the same; that Apostle Clawson be excused to return home on Monday on account of sickness in his family. The Cache Stake comprises some 11 wards with a population of 6610 souls; the Hyrum Stake, 8 wards with 4977 souls; and Benson, with 5643 souls.

2 p.m. Afternoon session of the conference in the Logan tabernacle, Apostle and Pres. M. W. Merrill presiding. M. W. M[errill]. Reported the condition of the stake as being fairly good. The B. Y. Monument fund indebtedness paid off; as also tabernacle debt and other obligations. The tithing of 1901 was 20% more than that of 1900. Ward conferences had been held in all the wards but one. Record day established in the stake. Marriage. Sugar beet raising; saints should take hold of this matter. Apostle M. W. Merrill presented his resignation as president of Cache Stake in accordance with the mind of the Pres[idency] and Twelve. Apostle B. Young put the question and the resignation was accepted.

Apostle B. Young made some remarks in reference to the division of the stake and had Apostle Woodruff read the names of the new stakes, giving the wards and population of each. He then presented the following names as the presidency of the Cache Stake: Jos. Morrell, president, Isaac Smith, 1st counselor, Willard

W. Maughn, 2nd counselor. Sustained by unanimous vote. Spoke of his visit to Cache valley 46 years ago, when he found this part of Utah unsettled. Its growth since that time. Politics. Priesthood defined.

7:30 p.m. On my way to [M.I.A.] meeting, I was notified that someone was calling for me at Salt Lake. Upon reaching the tele[phone] I learned from my sister, Tessie, that Marion was no better than when I left but much worse and that I had better take first train for home—namely, the midnight train.

12 midnight. I took the train for Salt Lake, arriving at 9:30 a.m. Monday morning. I was most sincerely grieved to learn that Marion had died at the hour I left Logan—namely, midnight. He was 8 months and 18 days old and was a bright and beautiful boy. Though young, it can be said of him that he had a sweet and lovable disposition.

#### **Monday, 29 April 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. I made all the arrangements for the funeral, which will be held tomorrow, Tuesday, at 2 p.m. In the afternoon Lydia and myself went to the graveyard and selected a burial lot. It is beautifully located and cost \$75.00.

#### **Tuesday, 30 April 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild; ideal day. Our little Marion when dressed and placed in the casket for burial looked lifelike and beautiful, not as one dead, but one that sleepeth.

2 p.m. Funeral service at our home, Bp. O. F. Whitney presiding. Pres. Lorenzo Snow and Bp. O. F. Whitney made consoling remarks. The floral offerings from relatives and friends were chaste and beautiful. My brothers, Bradley, Stanley, Sidney, and Fred, acted as pallbearers. Some eight carriages followed to the grave, which was dedicated by Bp. Whitney. Marion was a great favorite in our home and will be sadly missed by all.

#### **Thursday, 2 May 1901**

Salt Lake City. Raining and cool. 11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents L. Snow and Jos. F. Smith, and Apostles B. Young, J. H. Smith, H. J. Grant, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, A. O. Woodruff, R. Clawson, Reed Smoot, and Geo. F. Gibbs,

clerk. Song, "Praise to the Man Who Communed with Jehovah." Apostle M. F. Cowley was mouth in prayer, and A. H. Lund in the circle.

Quarterly conference appointments: Jordan, J. H. Smith; Woodruff, A. O. Woodruff; Summit, B. Young, Reed Smoot, and J. W. Taylor. I was given permission to attend the monthly priesthood meeting of the Box Elder Stake on Saturday next, for the purpose of talking up the law of tithing.

Pres. Snow made some remarks upon the subject of tithing and among other things said: about the first physical duty a man has to perform in this church is to be baptized, and without baptism he cannot have entrance into the church. It would be foolish to teach the mysteries of the gospel to a convert, before he is instructed in regard to baptism. So with tithing, the only way we can become established upon the land of Zion and sanctify it and make it secure to ourselves, is by the payment of tithes—otherwise our possession of the land is uncertain. It is a great law and should be taught to the saints. It was the sense of the council that no member of the presidency of a stake, or high councillor, or member of a bishopric can be sustained in those positions, who are not tithe-payers.

Upon my suggestion Apostle A. H. Lund was appointed a member of the committee on church records to succeed Apostle F. M. Lyman, absent. Apostle B. Young reported the division of the Cache Stake as accomplished last Sunday and Tuesday, with Jos. Morrell as president of Cache Stake, Wm. H. Lewis as president of the Benson Stake, and Wm. C. Parkinson, president of the Hyrum Stake.

Song. Benediction by Apostle H. J. Grant.

### Friday, 3 May 1901

Salt Lake City. Raining, with heavy storm during night. I worked on the Utah Coal Co. books with a view to final closing, as the business has been sold to a man by the name of A. L. Williams. I worked out the following estimate, showing when the Church indebtedness would be entirely liquidated:

Church indebtedness	\$1,230,000.00
Average yearly revenue of	
the church in excess of	

expense in conducting its affairs	\$ 600,000.00
Conservative amount to be set aside from the church revenues to apply on indebtedness, as follows, to wit:	
Amount now in reserve	50,000.00
1901	300,000.00
1902	300,000.00
1903	300,000.00
1904	300,000.00
	\$1,250,000.00

It will be seen that if the church has a margin of \$600,000.00 over and above expenses to use for general purposes, the application of \$300,000.00 a year to church indebtedness is a conservative estimate. I, therefore, assured President Snow that, if he should live until the close of 1904, he would see the church free from every obligation. He was very much gratified with the statement and remarked that, if he were living at that time and the church were free from the bondage of debt, there would most assuredly be a big jubilation in the temple.

It has been raining hard all day, greatly to the satisfaction of all who are engaged upon the farm and garden. Lydia has been suffering much pain of late from the lump in her breast caused by a cold and a kick by one of the children. We called in Dr. [Charles F.] Wilcox during the day, and he gave it as his opinion that the swelling would gather and break and thus bring relief. We hope so, as all fear of cancer will then be removed.

#### Saturday, 4 May 1901

Salt Lake City. Raining, with storm during night. 7 [a.m.] Left for Brigham City to attend monthly priesthood meeting of the Box Elder Stake to lay the matter of tithing before the leading authorities of the stake.

11 a.m. Priesthood meeting in the 1st Ward hall, Pres. Chas. Kelly presiding. I occupied the time a[nd] dwelt upon the law of tithing and endeavored to impress upon the minds of the brethren the fact that the land of Zion could not be sanctified, except by the observance of this law.

At the close of the meeting I met with the presidency of the stake and bishopric of the wards. I placed the responsibility of looking after the non-tithe-payers upon the bishopric and distributed blanks to them for reports. There are 239 non-tithe-payers in the Box Elder Stake, 169 of whom bear the priesthood. It will be seen, therefore, that this is a matter of importance.

**Thursday, 23 May 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 9 a.m. Called in for a sitting with Mr. [George H.] Taggart, the artist who is painting my picture.

11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Pres. L. Snow and Pres. J. F. Smith, and Apostles Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, A. H. Lund, R. Clawson, Reed Smoot, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "If We Could Fly [Hie] to Kolob." Prayer by myself. Song, "O Ye Mountains High."

Stake conference appointments: Box Elder, R. Clawson; Mil-lard, Geo. Teasdale. Apostle H. J. Grant reported his recent visit to the Nebo Stake.

Pres. Snow stated that the writing of the church history had been placed in charge of Pres. Geo. Q. Cannon, but now that he was gone, it would be necessary to make other arrangements. After some discussion it was decided by unanimous vote that Brother B. H. Roberts be employed to do the work under the direction, advice, and assistance of Apostle A. H. Lund, church historian. Benediction by Apostle Reed Smoot.

**Thursday, 30 May 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 7 a.m. Accompanied by Lydia and two of the children, Samuel and Lorenzo, I left for Brigham City for a short visit and also to be present at the exercises to be given in the observance of Decoration Day. We arrived at 9 a.m. and were driven to Sister Jno. Anderson's. At 11 a.m. we went to the cemetery where we have two children buried, namely, Daniel Spencer and Vera Mary, and decorated their graves. A great many people visited the graveyard during the forenoon, and while the hours were passing, the band played appropriate music. Towards evening we made several calls, and later by invitation of Sister Anderson a number of our friends called and passed the evening with us. An excellent supper was served.



**Saturday, 1 June 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. Today is the hundredth anniversary of the birth of Pres. Brigham Young. At 8 a.m. 100 guns were fired, and later his monument at the head of Main Street was decorated with flowers by the Sunday School children of the city. Many business houses were also decorated. Thousands of people went to Saltair in the afternoon, Lydia and myself among the number, where an interesting program was rendered, consisting of songs, speeches, and instrumental music. The speakers were Gov. Heber M. Wells, Dr. Jas. E. Talmage, Apostle Heber J. Grant, and Judge Robt. N. Baskin. The latter was formerly a bitter enemy of the Latter-day Saints, but upon this occasion was loud in his praises of Brigham Young. I am reminded of the following couplet:

“Round and round we run,  
And ever the truth comes uppermost  
And ever is justice done.”

**Sunday, 2 June 1901**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cool. 10 a.m. Sixth general conference of the Young Men's and Young Ladies' Associations, Pres. Lorenzo Snow presiding. The meeting was held in the tabernacle.

Address, Pres. L. Snow. Topics treated. L. S[now]. Grand opportunities for good furnished by the M[utual] I[mprovement] Associations to the young people. The youth of Zion privileged through faithfulness to live to a great age. Evil of selfishness. Responsibility of motherhood. The glory attendant upon the exaltation of man and woman cannot be expressed [in] mortal language.

**Thursday, 6 June 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Pres. J. F. Smith, B. Young, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, A. H. Lund, A. O. Woodruff, R. Clawson, M. F. Cowley, Reed Smoot, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, “This Earth Was Once a Garden Spot” and also “Praise to the Man.” Apostle B. Young was mouth in prayer, and Geo. Teasdale in the circle. Song, “Give Me Back My Prophet Dear.”

Conference appointments: Oneida, Geo. Teasdale; Pocatello, R. Clawson; Oregon Stake to organize, M. F. Cowley and A. O.

Woodruff; A. H. Lund to visit Teton Basin; North San Pete, Reed Smoot. Apostle A. O. Woodruff reported the organization of the Big Horn Stake with Byron Sessions as president, and Jesse W. Crosby and Elder [Charles A.] Welsch as counselors.

Reed Smoot reported his visit to Summit and reported the reorganization of all the ward bishoprics in that stake except Upton and Park City. Also stated that Brother W. W. Cluff, former president, and Alma Eldredge, former counselor to W. W. Cluff, had been using an influence against his successor in office, Brother Moses Taylor, which had somewhat divided the people, but matters were now steadily improving. The attitude of Brother Cluff when he said that the changes effected in the Summit Stake were not inspired of the Lord, and his efforts to defeat the action of the First Presidency and Twelve by trying to influence the saints not to vote for Moses Taylor, only confirmed the brethren in the view that the change was not only necessary, but imperative. Benediction by Apostle B. Young.

### Wednesday, 12 June 1901

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cool. 9:50 a.m. Accompanied by Lydia and mother, I left by train for Ogden to attend a reunion of the leading authorities of the Weber Stake of Zion, arriving at 11 a.m. We were driven to the 5th Ward meeting house. Present on the stand: Presidents Lorenzo Snow and J. F. Smith, Apostles Geo. Teasdale, A. H. Lund, and myself, Patriarch Jno. Smith, and the presidency of the stake, Pres. [Lewis W.] Shurtliff presiding.

### *Program*

Address of welcome, Pres. Shurtliff. Response, Pres. L. Snow. Topics treated. L. S[now]. Expressed pleasure in being present. Spoke of visiting Ogden in the year 1849, and upon inquiry ascertained that there were only 5 (4 brethren and 1 sister) in the congregation who were here at that time. Addressing the audience he said, "Where will you be in 50 years hence?" Many of you will be in Jackson County and at that time, if not before, you will be looking for Jesus to come for he will be very near. Trials will come to you, but for every trial, every sacrifice, every suffering you will receive four-fold in reward. No man can receive a fullness of glory unless he has suffered a portion of bitterness. Said that Patriarch Joseph Smith [Sr.] in blessing him many years ago made use of this

expression: "You shall be great, just as great as you want to be, as great as God himself, and you will not wish to be any greater than that." This truth was revealed to him later by the Spirit of the Lord, namely, that "as man now is God once was, as God now is man may be." [President Snow] Testified to having received the Holy Ghost at the time of his conversion. It came as the rustling of silken garments and rested upon him and filled his whole being. Through the Holy Ghost he received a knowledge of the Father in Heaven and of Jesus, His son, and also that the Father and Son had spoken to Joseph Smith, the prophet. Admonished those present to live that they might be privileged to receive their second anointings. Quoted the saying of Paul, the apostle: "Let that same mind be in you as was in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God" [cf. Philippians 2:5-6]. Urged the saints before him to strive to become like God. Referred to his incarceration in the Utah penitentiary for 11 months.

1 p.m. Banquet in the amusement hall adjoining the meeting house. There were three long tables loaded with the bounties of nature in great variety. Blessing was pronounced by Patriarch Jno. Smith. About 250 people were seated at the table, and, while eating, sweet music was discoursed by the orchestra, and a young lady sang, "Hard Times Come Again No More," with accompaniment by all present.

At the close of the meal I was called upon to give an after-dinner speech. I referred to those present as watchmen upon the towers of Zion and said, "Great is your responsibility, great will be your anxiety, great will be your labors, great will be your trials, but great also will be your reward." I referred to the imprisonment of President Snow in the "Pen" for conscience sake and related an incident that occurred while he was there, namely, the giving of the sacred shout by the brethren, led by President Snow, that which was probably never done in a prison before and which may never be done again. In conclusion, taking up a cup of warm water diluted with milk, I drank to the health, prosperity, and success of President L. W. Shurtliff, his counselors, the high council, the bishopric[s] of the wards, and all the authorities of the Weber Stake present.

At this juncture Pres. Snow arose and said that he felt that it would be appropriate and acceptable to the Lord to give the sacred

shout upon this occasion, whereupon all arose, and led by Pres. Snow, raised their voices in a mighty shout of Hosanna to God and the Lamb. Apostle A. H. Lund followed with brief remarks.

### Thursday, 13 June 1901

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cool; heavy rain storm during night. 11 a.m. Meeting of the brethren at the President's office instead of the temple. Present: Presidents Lorenzo Snow and Jos. F. Smith, and Apostles Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, M. W. Merrill, A. H. Lund, R. Clawson, Reed Smoot, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "Glory to God on High." Prayer by Pres. L. Snow. Song, "O Say, What Is Truth?"

Quarterly conference appointments: St. George Stake, A. O. Woodruff and M. F. Cowley; Morgan, A. H. Lund; Salt Lake Stake, R. Clawson and Pres. J. F. Smith. Apostle Reed Smoot reported that the American Fork Ward was in a deplorable condition, spiritually, because of neglect and incapacity of the present bishop [William D. Robinson]. Upon motion of myself, it was decided to reorganize the bishopric of said ward.

I reported my visit last Sunday and Monday to Pocatello, and while in attendance at the conference there, I set apart Noah S. Pond as 1st counselor to Pres. W. A. Hyde, Henry S. Woodland as 2nd counselor, N. P. Neilsen and Chas. W. Hill as high councillors, and ordained Wilford Bennion as Bishop of Neeleyville. Before taking my seat, I referred to the matter of non-tithe-payers and felt that some action should be taken relative to those who bear the priesthood, as by experience I had been led to believe that those who rejected the law of tithing, or failed to honor it, were indifferent, generally, to their duties in the church. The question was pretty fully discussed, and though no formal action was taken, it seemed to be the mind of the brethren that while it would be unwise and injudicious at present to relieve men of their priesthood, who failed to observe the law of tithing, it would certainly be proper to call for the resignation of non-tithe-payers, who were officiating in various prominent positions in the church.

Apostle H. J. Grant was appointed to dedicate the new meeting house, Wilford Ward, Granite Stake. Apostle Lund reported the organization of the Driggs Ward, Teton Basin, under his direction, with Don C. Driggs as bishop.

In answer to a question by Apostle Brigham Young, it was decided by unanimous vote upon motion of Pres. J. F. Smith, that men who were called to the high council should be *ordained* high priests and *set apart* as high councillors.

In order to establish uniform procedure throughout the church relative to the manner of blessing the bread and wine in the administration of the sacrament, it was decided that one, and one only—the party officiating—should kneel. Benediction by Apostle B. Young.

### Sunday, 16 June 1901

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 10 a.m. Continuation of [Salt Lake Stake] Conference, Pres. A. M. Cannon presiding. H. J. Grant]. The providences of God. Read the hymn entitled “Come, Come, Ye Saints” and commented thereon. Read a prophecy of Joseph Smith declaring that the saints would move to the Rocky Mountains and become a mighty people there. The trials endured by our parents and the influence exerted by parents after death on their children. The conversion of his brother Brigham, by the influence of his father [Jedediah M. Grant], long since deceased.

### Thursday, 20 June 1901

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents L. Snow and J. F. Smith, and Apostles B. Young, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, A. H. Lund, M. F. Cowley, J. W. Taylor, A. O. Woodruff, R. Clawson, Reed Smoot, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Apostle A. O. Woodruff was mouth in prayer, and M. F. Cowley in the circle. Song, “Zion Stands with Hills Surrounded.”

Quarterly conference appointments: Malad, R. Clawson; Bear Lake, Geo. Teasdale; Davis, H. J. Grant and J. W. Taylor. The clerk read a letter from Pres. Wm. Budge of Bear Lake Stake, in which he recommended Wilford W. Richards for bishop of Georgetown to succeed the present bishop, resigned, and Saml. Hymas as bishop of Sharon, a new ward. The recommendations were adopted by full vote.

A letter from the presidency of the Utah Stake, enclosing a letter from Bp. [Thomas J.] Parmley of Pleasant Valley Ward, was read. The recommendation was made that Scofield be organized

into a ward with Jno. E. Ingles as bishop. Adopted and Apostle Reed Smoot [was] instructed to attend to the matter.

Pres. H. S. Gowans of the Tooele Stake recommended that Brother Francis D. St. Joer, late bishop of Clover, be ordained a patriarch, and that Elder Mahonri M. Stookey be ordained bishop of Clover, he having been sustained in that position. Adopted.

An interesting letter from Apostle F. M. Lyman, pres. of the European Mission, was read by the clerk. Apostle A. O. Woodruff reported his visit to St. George and the reorganization of the stake presidency with Ed. Snow as president, and Thos. P. Cottam, 2nd counselor, and that five of the more aged brethren of the high council [were] honorably released and younger men called to succeed them. He recommended the late Pres. [Daniel D.] McArthur for ordination to the office of patriarch.

Pres. Snow said that a question [of] importance relative to educational matters was being agitated and doubtless would soon be discussed by the church board of education, namely, as to whether we should sustain the University of Utah in its work as a university or introduce work in that line into our church schools. In the days of President Woodruff it was thought proper to sustain the University of Utah and confine our church schools to academy work. Our schools certainly could not enlarge their sphere of action without more help from the church financially, than they have been receiving during the past three or four years, and that help cannot be furnished by the church for at least four years when it is hoped and confidently expected that the church will be free from debt. He felt that this is a serious question.

I was appointed by unanimous vote to take charge of the prayer circle presided over by the late Patriarch Alonzo Raleigh.<sup>1</sup> Benediction by Apostle B. Young.

5 p.m. Reception at Pres. Jos. F. Smith's for Apostle H. J. Grant and fellow missionaries to Japan. Present: President Lorenzo Snow, Pres. J. F. Smith, and Apostles B. Young, M. F. Cowley, A. O. Woodruff, A. H. Lund, myself, and wives, the missionaries to Japan, namely, Apostle H. J. Grant, L. A. Kelsch, H. S. Ensign, A.

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<sup>1</sup> Male priesthood leaders sometimes formed their own prayer circles outside those convened in temples for more socially-oriented study groups.

O. Taylor, and wives, Patriarch Jno. Smith, Pres. L. W. Shurtliff of Weber Stake, Jno. McDonald, Jno. J. McClellan, tabernacle organist, and wives, and others.

The following very interesting program was carried out: Remarks, Pres. L. Snow. Topics treated. L. S[now]. Felt in his heart to thank Pres. Smith for the privilege of being in the midst of this company with such a lovely spirit. Brethren and sisters, he said, you are my brethren and sisters in the fullest sense of the word. We lived together in the other life. We should love one another and live together in love. The brethren going to Japan will be greatly and abundantly blessed. The Lord will be with them. God bless and prosper you on your journey; and may you be relieved of persecution such as has attended other missionaries. How grand and lovely is the singing and music in the other world, although I can't imagine that it could be much better than it is in this world. God bless these missionaries, and He will bless them.

Response, Pres. J. F. Smith. Topics treated. J. F. S[mith]. Said he was thankful for the presence of Pres. Snow and the brethren and sisters. We are assembled in the room where our daily prayers are offered up unto the Lord, and in those prayers Pres. Snow, he said, was always remembered. Pointed to a bookcase in the room and remarked that it belonged to his mother in Nauvoo. In this case the penny fund, used to purchase glass for the Nauvoo Temple, was kept.

Pres. Snow again spoke briefly and said that in his family prayers Pres. Smith's name was always mentioned. Pres. Snow arose and said, I desire to bear my testimony. I know that Jesus lives. Many of you who are here tonight will see him, you will see that he is a noble looking man, and you will feel like going to him and shaking hands. When you return to Jackson County and engage in building the temple there, you will see Jesus and be associated with him. I bear this testimony for I know it is true.

It may well be judged from the above program that we had an instructive and enjoyable evening. We were in the society of the blessed and the Spirit of God was abundantly manifested.

### **Tuesday, 25 June 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 10 a.m. Meeting of the general church board of education, and Pres. Jas. Linford of the B. Y.

College, Logan, J. H. Paul of the Latter-day Saints College, Geo. H. Brimhall, acting pres. of the B. Y. Academy, Provo, Pres. Wm. H. Kerr of the Agricultural College, Logan, Jas. Sharp of the board of regents of the University of Utah, Professors Wm. Stewart and R[ichard] R. Lyman of the University of Utah, the Presiding Bishopric of the church, and others, Pres. Lorenzo Snow presiding. The object of the meeting was to discuss this question: "Shall the church schools be restricted in the future to high school work and turn their college students over to the University of Utah, or shall they continue the college work as heretofore."

Pres. Snow said that the subject for discussion was a very important one, a matter that concerns the church of the Living God and also the world in which we live. We must take a broad view of the subject. There is a difference of opinion as to how far we should sacrifice the interests of the church schools and academies for the university, and yet the church has many times been called upon to make sacrifices for the good of the cause. The brethren were invited to express their views freely and without restraint. The whole day to 5 p.m. was devoted to the discussion, the only interruption coming in the shape of a lunch, which was served in the Beehive House.

It would be difficult in a few words to give a synopsis of what was said, and I shall, therefore, simply indicate the view that was taken by each speaker. The following brethren were in favor of restricting the church schools to high school work: James Sharp, L. F. Moench, W. M. Stewart, R. R. Lyman, Bp. Wm. B. Preston, S. B. Young, and R. T. Burton. The following were in favor of continuing college work in the church schools: Geo. H. Brimhall, J. H. Paul, Jas. Linford, Wm. H. Kerr, J. M. Tanner, myself, A. H. Lund, and Brigham Young. There were quite a number of the brethren present who did not speak. No formal vote was taken but the brethren separated with tacit understanding that no change should take place in the church schools for the present at least. I believe a vote would have shown the sentiment of the meeting to have been in favor of college work in the church schools.

### **Wednesday, 26 June 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 4 p.m. Reception to Apostle Heber J. Grant and fellow missionaries to Japan given by the



general board of the Y.M.M.I.A. in the spacious parlors of the Beehive House, President Snow, the general superintendent, presiding. Present: the general superintendency, most of the members of the board and their wives, Apostle Brigham Young, Pres. Seymour B. Young, Patriarch Jno. Smith, and their wives, the missionaries to Japan, namely, Apostle Heber J. Grant, Louis A. Kelsch, Horace S. Ensign, and Alma O. Taylor, and their wives (except in the case of Alma O. Taylor, who is unmarried), and other invited guests. It was a very choice company of brethren and sisters. Pres. J. F. Smith was absent in the east.

At this point [after songs and short speeches] Pres. Lorenzo Snow arose and made brief remarks, and said in substance: when the Lord first sent forth his elders in this generation very little was known as to what their labors would be and what they could accomplish. They failed in some respects, but they did not fail in one thing: they did their duty. Apostle Orson Pratt and others were sent to Austria to open a mission there, but by reason of the rejection of their testimony they did not succeed. Nevertheless, they did their duty and were blessed. Noah preached 120 years; he was a grand man; he did his duty but failed, and this because the people rejected him. However, by doing his duty he secured to himself exaltation and glory. Moses, in leading the children of Israel to the promised land, failed to accomplish what the Lord wanted by reason of the disobedience of the Israelites. Moses himself, through faithfulness, has attained to the Godhead. There is no doubt of this. As to these brethren who will shortly leave for Japan, the Lord has not revealed to me that they will succeed, but He has shown me that it is their duty to go. They need not worry concerning the results—only be careful to search the Spirit of the Lord to see what it indicates to them. Do not be governed by your own wisdom but rather by the wisdom of God. When you return, we will come together, perhaps as we are together today, and will rejoice in your faithfulness. God bless you, and may our Holy Father in heaven open the way before you, and may you succeed in converting many of the Japanese people.

Remarks, Apostle Brigham Young. Apostle Young said that the Spirit had borne witness to him that these brethren had been called of the Lord to take this mission to Japan and predicted that

the angel of the Lord would go before them and that they should be blessed in their labors.

Remarks, Apostle H. J. Grant. Apostle Grant said in part that he very much appreciated the honor conferred upon himself and companion missionaries by this reception of the general board of the Y.M.M.I.A. Felt humble and desirous of doing his duty. Some years ago—at a time when he was brought low, “near unto death,” upon a bed of sickness—he promised the Lord, he said, that in the event of his recovery and restoration to health that he might have an opportunity to pay off his personal indebtedness, which at that time was very great, he would be willing to journey to the ends of the earth and preach the gospel. The Lord had now brought him to the test. When Pres. Snow announced that he had been called to take a mission to Japan, it came, of course, as a great surprise, and he felt that, had he made a statement of his financial condition, the brethren of the First Presidency would have released him. He did not feel to do this, he said, but responded without hesitation or reservation that he accepted the call, feeling that the Lord was abundantly able to relieve him of every embarrassment. [Heber J. Grant] had now to relate that God in a marvelous way had blessed and prospered him to that degree that within the past few months he had been enabled to cancel \$100,000.00 of his indebtedness and was at this moment practically free from financial embarrassment and distress. Rejoiced in this manifestation of God’s overruling providence and now desired to go forth and do his duty. He knew that his companions were selected by the Lord and was glad to be confirmed in this feeling by the remarks of the president of the Twelve Apostles. As to whether many of the Japanese would be converted to the truth through the labors of himself and companions or whether the Japanese nation would open their doors to the gospel, he could not say, but he felt to give assurance that he and his associates would do their duty.

#### Thursday, 27 June 1901

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Pres. Lorenzo Snow and Apostles B. Young, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, A. H. Lund, A. O. Woodruff, R. Clawson, Reed Smoot, and G. F. Gibbs, clk. Song, “Glory to God on High.” Apostle B. Young was mouth in prayer, and J. H. Smith

in the circle. Pres. L. Snow remarked that 57 years ago today Joseph Smith, the prophet, was martyred for the truth and suggested that "A Poor Wayfaring Man of Grief" be sung, which was done.

The clerk read a letter from Elder Jno. G. McQuarrie, president of the Eastern States Mission, in which he recommended Jno. E. Baird for his 1st counselor, and Fred L. Cruikshank for his 2nd counselor, and also that Martha E. Cruikshank, wife of his counselor, be called to labor as a missionary in the Eastern States Mission. Recommendations approved.

Pres. Wm. H. Lewis of Benson called attention by letter to the fact that Lewiston Ward is now without a bishop by reason of his appointment to the presidency of the stake. He recommended that a reorganization be effected with Wm. Waddoups as bishop and suggested further that the headquarters of the stake be definitely fixed at an early date. Recommendations approved and Apostles B. Young and R. Clawson delegated to attend to the matter. In answer to a letter from the president [Orrin P. Miller] of the Jordan Stake, Apostle Reed Smoot was authorized to install a bishop in the Bingham Ward, Elder [William E.] Harding being recommended for the place.

I reported my attendance at a recent conference of the Salt Lake Stake, at which as usual the Saturday meetings were very lightly attended, there being as it were only a handful of people present. In view of this I took the liberty to suggest to the presidency of the stake that hereafter the Saturday meetings be dispensed with, and that three meetings, constituting the conference, be held on the Sunday. Pres. A. M. Cannon and counselors heartily concurred with the proposition and said that, if the Presidency of the church offered no objection, they would adopt it.

No particular objection was offered, but Pres. Snow remarked that, while as suggested many people in Salt Lake were tied up in business and could not attend Saturday meetings, yet there must be something wrong somewhere in some way or the attendance would be better than it is. One of the brethren remarked that it has always been so from the beginning and felt that the trouble was with the stake presidency.

the committee appointed to investigate the propriety of dividing the Salt Lake Stake by Main Street, reported that a careful investigation of the recent division of said stake shows an improvement and decided advance in every direction—in tithe-paying, in renewed interest among all the local organizations of the wards, and in a greatly increased attendance at all meetings. The committee, therefore, strongly recommended that the stake be again divided. I also spoke to the report and said that it met with my hearty approval. Said that every argument heretofore used for the dividing of large stakes would apply in the present case. Had always taken the view that about 10,000 church population should be the limit of the larger stakes and that the Salt Lake [Stake] today has a membership of about 27,000.

Pres. Snow said that he did not know but that it would be a good idea to divide the stake, but, said he, "Have we suitable material for the new presidencies? Who would you suggest?" The brethren thought we would have no difficulty in finding strong men in the Salt Lake Stake for the presiding officers and mentioned a few names. Pres. Snow said that if the division were made it would be necessary—imperative—to exercise great care in the selection of presidents. The president of a stake is the responsible man, as in a ward the bishop is the responsible man. When we talk about the management of a ward, we speak of the bishop. When men who are not suitable are selected for presidents and bishops, a change may become necessary in the future and that brings humiliation. This should be avoided so far as possible.

I said that, if in order, I would move that the Salt Lake Stake be divided. Pres. Snow suggested that, in the absence of Pres. Jos. F. Smith, action be postponed for the present.

Apostle Reed Smoot reported the reorganization of the Upton Ward, Summit Stake, with Jno. Saxton as bishop and J. H. Judd and C. Stapley as counselors; and the organization of Grass Creek, a new ward, Summit Stake, with Jno. F. Salmon, bishop, and J. W. Wilde and Jno. Pendleton, counselors. It was decided to recall Hans O. Young, bishop of Parley's Park, who has been absent on a mission twenty months, that he might again take charge of his ward.

Apostle Reed Smoot also reported that Bishop [William D.] Robinson of American Fork, who had been asked to resign,

declined to do so. He recommended that American Fork be divided into four wards. This he felt to be a necessary move, and it would also open the way for a reorganization of the bishopric. Recommendation [was] adopted and Apostle Smoot instructed to attend to the matter.

Hymn, "Give Me Back My Prophet Dear." Benediction by Apostle Reed Smoot.

**Monday, 1 July 1901**

Lewiston. Clear and cool. I will say this in regard to my visit to Lewiston, that while there Pres. [William H.] Lewis was very anxious for Apostle M. W. Merrill and myself to locate the headquarters of the Benson Stake, both Lewiston and Richmond having been talked of. I told him we could not very well do so, as Apostle Brigham Young, who was appointed with myself to confer with Apostle Merrill upon this subject, remained at home on account of sickness. As for myself I favor Lewiston. Apostle Merrill (who is a resident of Richmond) favors Richmond. I told Pres. Lewis that I would refer the matter to Pres. Snow.

**Wednesday, 3 July 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. The following is copy of a letter sent to Pres. Wm. H. Lewis of Benson Stake:

Salt Lake City,  
July 3rd, 1901

Pres. Wm. H. Lewis  
Lewiston, Utah

My dear brother:

Agreeable to promise I write you a line. Pres. Snow expressed his appreciation of the picture of the new meeting house and thought it very fine. Pres. Smith is away from home at present.

In regard to the headquarters of the Benson Stake, would say that Apostle Brigham Young has been authorized and instructed to attend to the matter, and he directed me to say that he will be up at the earliest possible moment (it may be sometime this week, though not absolutely certain) but without doubt in a very short

time, and he will telegraph you when and where to meet him. The question will be decided and adjusted solely upon its merits.

With kind regards and best wishes and a pleasant remembrance of my visit to your ward, I remain,

Your brother,  
[signed] Rudger Clawson

I might here observe that the headquarters of the Benson Stake will undoubtedly be located at Lewiston, this being the mind of Pres. Snow and the brethren.

### Sunday, 7 July 1901

Salt Lake City. Clear and hot. 10 a.m. Fast meeting at the temple, Pres. Snow presiding.

Pres. Lorenzo Snow. Topics treated. When we get to heaven we will ask ourselves, how has it been with us while on earth? Are we better today, are we stronger today, than we were a month ago? Where we have been at fault, we should endeavor to correct the same in the future. It is a great pleasure to be a Latter-day Saint. We should feel happy and satisfied. When he was in the "Pen," he said, he was made cheerful and happy by trying to make others happy.

Pres. Snow said in part: one of the most difficult improvements the Latter-day Saints have to make is in relation to a monetary consideration. "Property we haven't got, we are striving improperly to get, and property we have, we are striving improperly to keep." Said that there have been rich men among us in times past who haven't paid one third of their tithing, and others who have paid none at all, but it is getting to be different now. There is a brother in Provo who sent in the other day \$27,000 for tithing, and this same brother has given by donation to the church as high as \$10,000. There is a sister in this meeting, who has contributed to the church for educational purposes something like \$23,000. And such things may be said of the man at my right (Apostle H. J. Grant) and of the man at my left (Bp. J. R. Winder). There is a great improvement among the Latter-day Saints in tithe-paying, and I rejoice in it.

**Tuesday, 9 July 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. 10 a.m. I attended a meeting of the board of directors of the Utah Light and Power Co.

11 a.m. Quarterly conference of the Twelve. I came in late on account of the other meeting. Present: B. Young, Geo. Teasdale, H. J. Grant, A. H. Lund, A. O. Woodruff, R. Clawson, and Reed Smoot.

Some discussion was indulged in regarding Saltair, with reference particularly to the selling of beer at that resort. It was moved and carried that it be the sense of the meeting that the brethren of the Twelve are opposed to the selling of beer at Saltair.

Apostle Reed Smoot moved that it shall become the duty of the Twelve to instruct the presidents of stakes, and through them the bishops of wards, to interrogate young people who go to the temple to get married and ascertain, if possible, whether in any case they have committed themselves, and in such event to deny them the privilege of going into [the] house of the Lord. Carried. Benediction by Apostle H. J. Grant.

In the afternoon accompanied by Lydia, I went to the lake, it being Relief Society day. A short program was given consisting of prayer by Apostle B. Young, music by the band, address by Pres. Lorenzo Snow, music, benediction by myself. We went in bathing and afterwards sat down to a nice lunch prepared by the Relief Society officers. In the evening we attended a reception, given by Bp. Millen Atwood of the Sugar House Ward, to the Japanese missionaries.

**Wednesday, 10 July 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and hot. 10 a.m. Continuation of the quarterly conference of the Twelve. Present: Apostles Brigham Young, John H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Heber J. Grant, Marriner W. Merrill, Anthon H. Lund, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, and Reed Smoot. Song, "O My Father." Prayer by Rudger Clawson. Song, "Guide Us, O Thou Great Jehovah."

Apostle Reed Smoot was the first speaker. Topics treated. Reported that the reorganization of the Summit Stake was now complete with the exception of two wards. Conditions in that stake have been very bad. Almost a total disregard of the word of wis-

dom. There is a tendency among the young people of that stake, also the Utah Stake, and perhaps with other stakes, to commit themselves before marriage, and this is a matter, he felt, that should have the special attention of the Twelve. Had also noticed a tendency among our people to go in debt, notwithstanding the experience of recent years. Was pleased with the great improvement in tithe-paying; regretted to learn that there were some brethren in the church who excused themselves from the observance of this law because they had sons in the missionary field to support.

I followed and said in part that I had just received a letter from Apostle Francis M. Lyman in which he advised that myself and other brethren should sign our given names in full, and also in referring to others, should give their names in full. I mentioned this matter, I said, because in my judgment it was an excellent and appropriate suggestion. Said that I had greatly enjoyed my labors during the past three months and in visiting the stakes usually called the presidency, high council, and bishopric[s] of wards together in order to promote good fellowship and acquaintance and lay before them any important items of instruction. Felt that great good comes from preaching the word, as witness the increase in tithes and offerings. Pointed out the necessity of selecting the best and strongest men for presiding positions—especially with reference to presidents of stakes; a good, strong, active, progressive president will be more likely to select strong men for associates than a weak president would do. At all events it seemed to me to be about the most important question we have to face in the strengthening of Zion.

Abraham O. Woodruff. Topics treated. Had been called to organize the Big Horn Stake and had also assisted in the organization of the Union Stake, Oregon, and the reorganization of the presidency of the St. George Stake. These labors he had enjoyed. A good deal of his time was taken up in the colonization of the Big Horn Stake, and he was now about to leave for that part of the country. Was not quite clear in his mind as to the status of those who (like Gov. [Heber M.] Wells) have been sealed in the temple and afterwards were married by the law of the land. He looked upon them, however, as covenant breakers. The work of God [was] first and foremost with him.

Matthias F. Cowley. Topics treated. Spoke of his recent visit



to Canada and said that we have ten wards in the Alberta Stake and are without a single L[atter] D[ay] Saint teacher in the district schools, which arises from the fact that our teachers cannot pass the technical examination to which they are subjected. Felt that it would be wisdom for the church to call missionaries to attend the Canadian institutions of learning and qualify themselves for teachers. Read a communication from Sterling Williams, endorsed by the presidency of the Alberta Stake, setting forth the importance of making such call, and which would be submitted to the Presidency of the church.

One of the greatest evils prevailing in Cardston today is whiskey drinking, and Apostle Jno. W. Taylor is making an effort to get prohibition laws for that district of country. Recommended that the elders be withdrawn from Butte and Anaconda, Montana, as there is a total lack of interest in the gospel and no spirit of investigation on the part of the people in those places.

Minutes read and approved. Benediction by Apostle Reed Smoot.

2 p.m. Continuation of conference. Song, "Come, All Ye Sons of God." Prayer by Apostle Jno. H. Smith. Song, "Be It My Only Wisdom Here."

Apostle Anthon H. Lund. Topics treated. Had enjoyed the meetings thus far. Felt some concern relative to Saltair; had hoped we would be able to say of that place, we have in the church a temperance resort. By reason of the present situation the mouths of the Twelve were practically closed in relation to some evils. Spoke of the advantages arising out of the church school system, that could not be enjoyed in gentile schools. The great feature of the church schools was theology, which in his estimation was of more importance by far than all other studies combined.

Spoke of the evil of marriage outside of the temple, in cases where the parties had been previously sealed over the altar. In referring to certain conditions that exist among us said that at times it seems that a wave of immorality sweeps over Zion. In a certain ward in San Pete Stake sometime ago, the bishop informed him that out of 12 marriages during a period of six months 7 were forced. Sufficient attention is not given to our young people in their amusements. Bishops should mingle with their young in the dance.

Apostle Marriner W. Merrill. Topics treated. Referred to the Logan Temple and said it was in need of quite extensive repairs. The expense had been apportioned to the stakes in that district under the approval of the First Presidency. Said he had come across several cases in the temple where young people had committed themselves. Personally he was opposed to the selling of liquor at Saltair and did not approve of marriages outside of the house of God, but had to get along with these things the best he could.

Apostle Heber J. Grant. Topics treated. Said he would leave for Japan reasonably free from financial anxiety. The obligations resting upon him would be carried by Zion's Savings Bank. Spoke strongly against the selling of liquor at Saltair, and so long as it is done, felt, he said, that we were responsible in a great measure for the wave of immorality sweeping over Zion. Thought it a serious question. Spoke of the church schools and felt that they ought not to be curtailed in church appropriations. So long as the church schools are able to turn out such men as J. M. Tanner, Henry S. Tanner, and Stephen L. Chipman, son of an apostate, they should have our undivided support. Felt and suggested that upon the morrow before we break our fast, we should unite in praying for the restoration of Brother Francis M. Lyman, Jr. Adopted.

Apostle Geo. Teasdale. Topics treated. Felt aggrieved in his mind that we have to talk sometimes as we do. Pres. Snow is our file leader, and we do not always know the ins and outs of every question, or the motives that prompt him, but this we do know that as a quorum we were opposed to the selling of liquor at Saltair; but there is an evil practiced at Saltair almost if not as great as liquor, and that is the indiscriminate association of the sexes in bathing. Our business is to preach the gospel, and when we get people into the church, to keep them there. We must be united in all things.

An adjournment was taken until 10 a.m. tomorrow. Benediction by Apostle Brigham Young. He prayed that in forming our judgment in all matters relating to the interests of Zion, God would direct by his Spirit.

#### Thursday, 11 July 1901

Salt Lake City. Clear and hot. 10 a.m. Continuation of quarterly conference of Twelve. Present: Apostles Brigham Young, Jno.

H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Marriner W. Merrill, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, and Reed Smoot, and Heber J. Grant [and Anthon H. Lund]. Song, "See How the Morning Sun." Prayer by Geo. Teasdale. Song, "Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire."

Apostle Jno. H. Smith was the first speaker. Topics treated. Regretted his absence from the first day's meetings, but rejoiced in the spirit of yesterday's gatherings. Spoke of his recent visit to Mexico and said that it was prompted by a change in the minister of the interior. The question had been agitated as to whether the Mormons should not be asked to withdraw from Mexico by reason of a report to the effect that they were not living up to the agreements and conditions imposed upon them. In an interview with the minister [Leandro Fernandez] it was clearly shown that our people had lived up to their obligations. He replied that he was satisfied with our representation and said: "Gentlemen, you need have no concern relative to this matter in the future." We also met the minister of finance [Jose Yves Limantour] and was well received by him. The interview with Pres. [Porfirio] Diaz was very pleasing and satisfactory, and he gave assurance of his friendship for the Latter-day Saints. Was pleased, he said, with the spirit of the Indians he met in that land.

[John Henry Smith] Had devoted considerable thought during the night to the question of selling beer at Saltair and wondered if we were not inclined to take rather an extreme view of the case—whether, if we cut off the privilege entirely, we were not to some extent invading the rights of the Latter-day Saints. The revelation on the Word of Wisdom speaks of barley for mild drinks [D&C 89:17]. It is a question that demands serious thought. Have we taken an extreme view of the word of God? Where can we strike the limit, where can we reach the spirit of the Word of Wisdom? (Apostle Heber J. Grant asked Apostle Smith if beer that is intoxicating is to be considered a mild drink. The revelation, he said, forbids the use of strong drink.) Apostle Smith continued and said that the German beer was very light and mild and would not intoxicate, though he conceded that the beer of the United States is of a very different character and will cause drunkenness.

Apostle Brigham Young. Topics treated. Said that he believed the temperance movement among our people a proper move-

ment. If we give an inch, the people and the world will take advantage of it—and drunkenness is the crying evil of the age. The Word of Wisdom! “Who can cut it off and patch it on for me?” Each must be judge for himself. Many times water, he said, would distress him, while a little Danish beer would bring a feeling of comfort and ease. However, he believed in the Word of Wisdom as we teach it. As to the matter of selling liquor, said that he was simply disgusted with what he saw at Saltair on the occasion of the “old folks” excursion. He came across a lot of old men—members of the church—smoking old pipes and guzzling beer.

He further remarked that there was one man he felt to trust implicitly, as the Lord trusts him, and that man is the President of the church. We must look to him. Was certain the Lord would bring good out of what appeared to be an evil. We ought to be the leaders in everything that is praiseworthy, good, and pure, but it is not always so. I am one with my brethren. If we want a change in some things, we must have faith to effect it. My privilege is to sustain the man God has chosen and not to straighten him. We have a right to pray for him. With all our talk, we are bound to sustain our file leaders, and if things are not just right, we must exercise faith to effect a change.

11 a.m. Presidents Lorenzo Snow and Joseph F. Smith came in. Pres. Joseph F. Smith led in a special prayer offered up for and in behalf of Francis M. Lyman, Jr.

Apostle Heber J. Grant at this point spoke briefly and said, in part, that the question of selling beer at Saltair had come up for discussion in the meeting of the general board of the Y.M.M.I.A. yesterday and was brought to the board by Elder Frank Y. Taylor, who had arranged for an excursion to the lake for the Granite Stake, and he was opposed to the sale of beer on that occasion. He felt, and in fact all the members of the board seemed to feel, that this practice was bringing reproach upon the church. Apostle Grant was authorized and instructed to bring the matter to the attention of the Presidency and Twelve. He felt, he said, if we could buy up the contract or liquor privilege that had been already let, and close up the business of selling beer at Saltair, it would be the finest kind of an investment.

Pres. Snow in reply referred to the visit of the gentile ministers sometime ago. He asked them if they had seen or knew of any

disorder at Saltair. They answered, no, but they had heard some things. They wanted a promise from us to close the bar. We would make no promise. However, we concluded at the beginning of the season that we would close the bar against whiskey, brandy, and other kindred drinks—and also that no drinks should be sold on Sunday. We did not think it wise to shut down on everything at once. If at the beginning of another season, his brethren wanted the discontinuance of beer selling at Saltair, he would be the first to vote for it, but it could not be done now. Some of the young men of the Mutual [Improvement] Association, he said, had called upon him and objected to the selling of beer on “Granite day.” He asked them if they thought the young men and women, who had been taught the Word of Wisdom, would drink beer out there. They answered that they did not know. The suggestion was then made that they let the matter go and watch for results by way of experiment.

[President Snow] Referred to the Word of Wisdom and said that it was given for the benefit of the church—so far as the saints could receive it. There were many things connected with it—the eating of meat was forbidden, except in times of excessive cold or famine [D&C 89:12-13]. This feature of the revelation was almost wholly disregarded. Thought, sometimes, the elders were perhaps a little too exacting in regard to the Word of Wisdom, but nevertheless was pleased that it should be taught [to] the saints. Was impressed with the idea that in some things at times the young men of the M.I.A. were disposed to be over-righteous in their views and feelings.

The tables were set and the sacrament, as upon former occasions, was partaken of. Apostle Jno. H. Smith blessed the bread and wine.

While at the table Pres. Snow made some remarks relative to the Manifesto. Said that it was one of the greatest sacrifices ever required of the church, but he knew that it was from God. And the door is effectually closed by the action of the authorities and the saints in conference assembled. Some of the brethren are worrying about the matter and feel that they ought to have other wives. Brethren, do not worry; you will lose nothing. Turning to Heber, he said, “There is Brother Heber J. Grant, who is without a son and who consequently feels anxious about it.” I want to say

to Brother Grant that he will have sons and daughters and his posterity shall become as numerous as the sands upon the seashore or the stars in heaven—the promise made to Abraham is his through faithfulness. Brethren, don't worry about these things, and if you don't happen to secure the means you would like, don't feel disappointed. The Lord will make you rich in due time, and if you are faithful, you will become Gods in eternity. This I know to be the truth. Benediction by Apostle Brigham Young.

#### Thursday, 18 July 1901

Salt Lake City. Clear and hot; during the day 102 degrees. 11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Lorenzo Snow and Jos. F. Smith, and Apostles Brigham Young, Geo. Teasdale, Heber J. Grant, Anthon H. Lund, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Apostle Grant was mouth in prayer, and Apostle Smoot in the circle. Song, "Zion Stands with Hills Surrounded."

Apostle Lund was appointed to settle a water difficulty that had arisen at White River. Several interesting letters from Apostle Lyman, dated at Liverpool, [were] read by the clerk. Said that so far as he had investigated, he found the affairs of the British Mission in fairly good shape. His predecessor, Elder Platte D. Lyman, had given a strong administration. Spoke of his contemplated visit to the Swiss, German, and other missions.

Pres. C. O. Card of the Alberta Stake recommended by letter the appointment of Jas. P. Lowe and Henry E. Winder to take missions. The clerk read a letter from Sterling Williams, endorsed by the presidency of the Alberta Stake, in which he strongly recommended that missionaries be called from Canada to attend Canadian institutions of learning and prepare themselves to teach in the district schools of the Alberta Stake, as the Latter-day Saints have no teachers of their faith in said schools—sixteen in number. Recommendation adopted provided young men of proper talent and financial strength could be found.

A letter from Pres. [Collins R.] Hakes of Maricopa Stake was read. He desired permission to sell the church property—or farm—in Mesa for better property by paying a premium of \$900. He thought he could raise the \$900 without calling upon the church. Granted, if the church would be put to no expense.

Stake conference appointments: Weber, Geo. Teasdale; Juab, Ruder Clawson. Apostle Lund was appointed to dedicate the new meeting house at Syracuse, Sunday, July 20th.

Thos. E. Bassett, stake counselor in the Fremont Stake, representing the presidency of the Fremont Stake, recommended the organization of a ward at St. Anthony with Wm. H. Carbine as bishop. Recommendation adopted. An interesting report was received from Elder Jno. McQuarrie, president of the Eastern States Mission.

Apostle Grant was authorized to take what tracts he needed for the Japan Mission. He said that he and companions expected to leave on July 24th, 1901.

Apostle Clawson reported his recent visit to the Emery Stake and urged the necessity of dividing the stake, as the distances to be traveled by the stake presidency and other stake authorities was unnecessarily great. As a result of this condition the saints were not receiving that attention so much needed at all times. He recommended and moved that the Emery Stake be divided on county lines and that the Scofield and Mud Creek Wards of the Utah Stake be added to what would now be the Carbon Stake, giving to the Emery Stake a church population of 4081, and to the Carbon Stake, 2000. The motion was seconded and carried by unanimous vote, and Apostles Clawson and Smoot were authorized to make the division. They were also authorized to reorganize the bishoprics of the following wards: Wellington, Huntington, Castle Gate, Castle Dale, and presiding elder in Desert Lake. Also, to make some changes in the high council.

Apostle Smoot moved that Palmyra and Knightsville of Utah Stake be organized into wards. Carried.

Apostle Grant reported that himself and Apostle Clawson, the committee on the division of the present Salt Lake Stake, were heartily in favor of said division, Main Street to be the dividing line, and the Tabernacle Square to be kept independent. Action was deferred for the present, and Apostle Lund was appointed to succeed Apostle Grant on the committee, in view of the latter's early departure for Japan.

Apostle Smoot reported that Apostle Teasdale and himself had effected the division of American Fork into four wards, with Chas. G. Petersen [Patterson], bishop of the First Ward; Jos. H.



Storrs, bishop of Second Ward; Jno. R. Hindley, bishop of Third Ward; Warren B. Smith, bishop of Fourth Ward. Apostle Smoot also reported that he had installed Wm. Waters, bishop of Bingham Ward.

In order to bring about a uniformity of action, it was decided that the authorities should be presented and sustained at each quarterly conference, and that the general authorities be named individually, and not in bulk as is the custom in many stakes. Apostle Brigham Young reported his visit to the Benson Stake recently, at which time he fixed the headquarters of stake at Lewiston, in conformity with the decision of the council. He said there had been a strong influence in the stake used to bring headquarters to Richmond. Benediction by Apostle Brigham Young.

4 p.m. Gathering of the First Presidency and Twelve and wives, the missionaries to Japan and wives, and others, numbering in all some forty souls at my home, 49 Canyon Road. It was an extremely hot day, but we had a pleasant and sociable time. The company sat down to dinner at 5 p.m., after which the following program was carried out.

Remarks of welcome, R. Clawson. I said we were very happy to have President Snow with us and we felt that whenever the prophet of God came into our home it brought a blessing to us. I also expressed the pleasure it gave us to have the apostles and wives and missionaries and wives come in and visit with us and bid them all welcome.

Poem, addressed to Lydia S. Clawson and written in the Utah penitentiary by Pres. L. Snow. (The poem was read by Thos. Hull.)

Remarks, Pres. Lorenzo Snow. Topics. He thanked Brother Clawson for opportunity he had enjoyed. Said that the happiness we enjoy is in the Spirit of the Lord. We were born in the other life, were born children to the Lord there. In the contemplation of what we shall be in the spirit world, we should be very happy. We should be careful to do right that our consciences may not trouble us. He felt to say "God bless you all."

Remarks, Heber J. Grant. Endorsed the remarks made by Pres. Snow. Felt it a great blessing to mingle with the prophet and apostles and the brethren and sisters. Rejoiced in the privilege of going out to preach the gospel.



Remarks, Brigham Young. Topics. Was pleased with the remarks of Pres. Snow. These gatherings do good. Always felt benefited in associating with the brethren and sisters. Thus ended (to us) a very profitable and pleasant affair.

#### **Thursday, 25 July 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and hot. 11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: President Jos. F. Smith, and Apostles B. Young, Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Anthon H. Lund, Rudger Clawson, and Reed Smoot, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "Up, Ye Defenders of Zion." Rudger Clawson was mouth in prayer, and Apostle A. H. Lund in the circle. Song, "Do What Is Right."

Stake conference appointments: Alpine, Apostles Geo. Teasdale and Anthon H. Lund; Cache, Apostle Jno. H. Smith; Fremont, Apostles Clawson and Young. The first conference appointment for the Benson Stake was fixed for Aug. 3 and 4th; for the Hyrum Stake, Aug. 25 and 26th; and for the Union Stake, Sep. 1 and 2nd, 1901. Benediction Elder G. F. Gibbs.

#### **Monday, 29 July 1901**

Rexburg. Clear and warm. 10 a.m. Continuation of [Fremont Stake] Conference, Thos. E. Bassett presiding.

R. Clawson. Topics treated. Punctuality. Record day. Evils of card playing and other pastimes engaged in by the young people of Zion. Read the minutes of reception and sociable given to Apostle H. J. Grant and companion missionaries to Japan, June 26, to show how an evening might be spent profitably without resorting to cards and other trifling amusements.

2 p.m. Continuation of conference, Coun[selor]. Bassett presiding. The reports [by bishops and stake officers] were interesting and showed the stake to be in fairly good condition. The saints are doing a good work, and yet there is much room for improvement. While there has been an increase in tithe-paying, there are, nevertheless, 237 non-tithe-payers in the stake.

Apostle Young followed. Topics treated. Had enjoyed the conference and been profited. Our dependence upon the Lord, who is a good paymaster. The duty of a bishop in relation to the receiving and handling of tithes. Read from the D.&C. to show the importance of putting our reliance in the Lord. The power of the

saints in the priesthood to withstand the plagues and pestilences that are coming upon the earth. Stake Academy.

### Thursday, 1 August 1901

Salt Lake City. Clear and hot. 11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Pres. J. F. Smith, and Apostles Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, R. Clawson, Reed Smoot, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk.

The clerk read a letter from Apostle Jno. W. Taylor, Canada, who said that he had met with an accident, breaking two or three of his ribs. The settlements in Canada, he said, were prosperous and in flourishing condition. Brother Jesse Knight had closed a deal to put up a sugar factory at Magrath, Canada, within two years.

Elder Moses W. Taylor, president of Summit Stake, reported by letter a wonderful spirit of reformation in his stake with the exception of Coalville, where a spirit of opposition seems to be at work. I reported the organization of St. Anthony Ward, Fremont Stake, with Wm. H. Carbine, bishop, and Chas. J. Black and Harry H. Smith, counselors.

Apostle Reed Smoot reported the division of Pleasant Valley into two wards, as follows: Pleasant Valley Ward with Thos. J. Parmley as bishop, and Scofield with Jno. E. Ingles as bishop; also the Clear Creek Branch with Ben. Hampton as presiding elder. Stake conference appointments: Jordan Stake, Geo. Teasdale; Summit stake, President Jos. F. Smith and Apostle Jno. H. Smith; Benson Stake, R. Clawson. Benediction by Apostle Jno. H. Smith.

### Sunday, 4 August 1901

Salt Lake City. Clear and hot. 7 a.m. Left by rail for Lewiston, Cache Co., to attend the Benson Stake Conference. Was joined at Ogden by Apostle Matthias F. Cowley.

2 p.m. 2nd session of the first conference of the Benson Stake, Pres. Wm. H. Lewis presiding. I spoke and dwelt upon the duties devolving upon the president of the stake and other officers.

M. F. Cowley followed. Topics treated. The spirit of the work in which we are engaged. The necessity of sustaining the First Presidency and carrying out their counsel.

At the close of the meeting we called the brethren and sisters together who had been chosen to fill the various offices of the stake. There were 31 present. I spoke and questioned the brethren

as to whether they felt to sustain the First Presidency and Apostles, and also as to whether they paid their tithing and kept the word of wisdom. It developed that there was one brother present who failed to keep the Word of Wisdom, but he promised to do so in the future. Apostle Cowley admonished the brethren against profanity.

**Thursday, 8 August 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and hot; heavy thunder and lightning during the night, but no rain. 11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Lorenzo Snow and Jos. F. Smith, and Apostles B. Young, Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Matthias F. Cowley, Rudger Clawson, and Reed Smoot, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "Guide Us, O Thou Great Jehovah." Apostle Clawson was mouth in prayer, and Apostle Brigham Young in the circle.

Apostle Young reported the visit of himself and Rudger Clawson to the Fremont Stake, where conference was held. While there, he went over into the Teton Basin, he said, and upon investigation found the saints in a neglected condition. Considerable looseness existed among the young, and the drinking of liquor was freely indulged in at the parties given from time to time. Recommended that Elder Jos. W. McMurrin, with a companion, be sent there to labor among the people until Sept. 8th, when a district conference will be held. There are about 1200 people in Teton and Jackson's Hole. Rather a small number, he thought, for a stake organization, but some kind of an organization should be effected, as the Fremont Stake authorities cannot give them the attention that is so much needed at the present time. Pres. Snow felt that someone with higher authority than that held by the Seven Presidents should be delegated to go there and set things in order, and, if need be, organize a stake in the Teton Basin. Upon the suggestion of Pres. Snow, Pres. Smith was appointed to undertake this duty.

Pres. Jos. F. Smith reported his attendance at the Summit Stake Conference. Enjoyed the spirit of the conference. While there, saw and talked with Brother W. W. Cluff, who was brooding over the recent changes in that stake. Wanted to know why he was released. The answer came that Summit was greatly in need of a change—and this was shown in part by the fact that a bishop

[Samuel F. Atwood] of one of the wards [Kamas], who professed disbelief in the visitation of the Father and Son to the Prophet Jos. Smith, was retained in office some 20 years. Bro. Cluff seemed not to be satisfied with the turn affairs had taken and manifested a fault-finding spirit.

Conference appointments: Wasatch, Apostle Cowley; Bingham, Apostle Teasdale; South San Pete, Apostle Lund; Cassia, Apostle Clawson. The clerk read an interesting letter from Apostle Lyman from Frankfurt-on-the-Main, Germany, in which he gave an account of his labors with the elders and in the public meetings.

Apostle Teasdale submitted the case of a brother who had killed a fellow-being in a spirit of (as he said) self-defense. He was sent to prison for six years, but, after a year's confinement, received a pardon. In a repentant frame of mind he now desired rebaptism in the church. The matter was referred to the high council of the stake in which he lived for action.

The clerk read a letter from Reuben G. Miller, president of the Emery Stake, who gave some good reasons why changes should be made in the bishopric of the following wards: Castle Gate, Wellington, Huntington, Castle Dale, Molen, and Emery, also in Desert Lake Branch of Cleveland Ward. Recommended that the high council be dissolved and a reorganization effected. The letter was referred to Apostles Clawson and Smoot, who were appointed to attend to this business at a recent meeting.

The clerk read a letter from Apostle Heber J. Grant dated at Vancouver, July 29, in which he said that they were about to sail for Japan. He and his companions together with some California elders had held an open-air meeting in Portland, which was his first experience in open-air preaching. They enjoyed a good flow of the Spirit. The letter left them in good health. Benediction by Apostle Reed Smoot.

### **Sunday, 11 August 1901**

Oakley. Clear and warm, but cool at night. 2 p.m. Continuation of [Cassia Stake] Conference, Pres. Wm. T. Jack presiding.

I made remarks. Topics treated. Regrets. Also the evil of a wasted life, giving the example of a young man who had entered into the higher law, having had two lovely wives and some fine children. He was also gifted with a talent for music (instrumental).

This man committed himself, went into darkness, lost his wives and children and hope of future reward, dying in the gutter, the victim of alcohol.

Closing remarks were made by Pres. Jack. Thus closed an interesting and instructive conference.

#### **Thursday, 15 August 1901**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and mild, with showers during day. 11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Lorenzo Snow and J. F. Smith, and Apostles Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Anthon H. Lund, Matthias F. Cowley, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, and Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "Glory to God on High." Apostle Teasdale was mouth in prayer, and Apostle Cowley in the circle. Song, "I Know That My Redeemer Lives."

Conference appointments: Star Valley, Pres. J. F. Smith; Nebo, Geo. Teasdale; Granite, Jno. H. Smith. Appointment for Aug. 25 and 26, Rudger Clawson to Uintah, and for Sep. 4th and 5th, Panguitch, Reed Smoot, and Union Stake, Rudger Clawson.

The clerk read a letter from Apostle Lyman addressed to Apostle Clawson. The principle topic treated in the letter was the necessity for the new record recently adopted by the church for the European missions, and the suggestion of Apostle Lyman that 18 records be sent him at the expense of the church was approved. Apostle Clawson was instructed to attend to the matter.

Apostle Smoot reported the organization of Palmyra Ward, Nebo Stake, with Albert T. Money, bishop, and Thos. Halverson, 1st counselor. He said that while at Palmyra a heavy earthquake shock was experienced.

Apostle Clawson reported the ordaining by himself of four bishops at Oakley, Cassia Stake, during the conference last Sat. and Sunday, as follows: Hector C. Haight, bishop of Oakley 1st Ward; Rosel H. Hunter, bishop of Oakley 2nd Ward; Elam W. McBride, bishop of Oakley 3rd Ward; Adam S. Sagers, bishop of Basin Ward.

Apostle Smoot reported a recent visit to Moab W[ar]d when his attention was called to the condition of the Mons Petersen ranch, which is in bad shape and being neglected. The status of the case is this: the church advanced \$4000 to save Brother Petersen, to save him from being sold out, the ranch to stand as

security for the money, and Brother Petersen to pay it back within a reasonable time. This he has not done. It was decided, or rather the Presidency had given him until the end of the present year to settle, when, if it is not done, the property will be taken possession of by the trustee-in-trust.

Apostle Cowley reported his visit to Wasatch Stake Conference. Stake President [William H.] Smart is doing well, and the saints are pretty well united. Said that Brother Abram Hatch acknowledged the hand of the Lord in the change recently effected in that stake. Benediction by Apostle Jno. H. Smith.

### **Monday, 19 August 1901**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cool, with showers during day. I spent the day at the President's office, grouping cash receipts and disbursements of the church for July 1901 for yearly financial statement.

At 5 p.m. met with H. S. Tanner, LeRoi C. Snow, as a committee appointed by the general board of Y.M.M.I.A. to consider the propriety of establishing a bureau of information on the temple block for the benefit of strangers and tourists visiting Salt Lake City. After some discussion of the subject, we reached the following conclusion: that it would be an excellent move; that the bureau should be located on the temple block near the south entrance; that it should be provided with a tract for free distribution, specially written to cover a brief history of the church, its first principles, and a description of places of interest in Salt Lake City, general tracts treating the principles of the gospel from our standpoint, and other church literature; that the bureau should be in charge of two young men, naturally adapted for the work, to be called as missionaries for two years, one to distribute the literature and the other to operate as a missionary on the temple block.

Brother LeRoi C. Snow was instructed to arrange a meeting with the presidency of the Salt Lake Stake, when this matter will be laid before them for their approval and cooperation. LeRoi reported later that he had called upon Pres. A. M. Cannon, who heartily approved of our recommendation, and still later the matter was reported back to the board and by them referred to the general supty. of Y.M.M.I.A. for final action.

### Thursday, 22 August 1901

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. 11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Lorenzo Snow and Jos. F. Smith, and Apostles Smith, Teasdale, Taylor, Lund, Cowley, Clawson, and Smoot, and Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "Praise to the Man." Apostle Lund was mouth in prayer, and Apostle Taylor in the circle. Song, "Do What Is Right."

Stake conference appointments: Millard, Apostles Taylor and Smoot; Box Elder, Apostle Cowley; Uintah, Apostle Clawson; Hyrum, Apostle Smith. It was decided by unanimous vote that the quarterly conferences of the Salt Lake Stake should hereafter be held on Sunday only with three sessions: morning, afternoon, and evening. The necessity for this action has been many times made apparent by the small attendance at the Saturday's sessions of the conference.

Pres. Jos. F. Smith reported his recent visit to Star Valley Stake, where he attended conference. He enjoyed the visit.

At this point Pres. Snow made remarks and said in substance that he doubted whether we were justified in keeping the Twelve Apostles and Seven Presidents of Seventies at home as much as we do. Their special calling is to preach the gospel to the nations, and he felt that a great work must be accomplished in this regard before the coming of the Savior. The president of the Twelve should think about this matter, should pray about it, that his mind might be broadened to comprehend what is needed. It is a matter worthy of thought and consideration. Referring to the 130 quorums of seventies, remarked that he didn't know how far we are justified in waiting for the young men of the Mutual Improvement Associations to be instructed and qualified to do this work, and leaving the members of the quorums inactive.

Apostle Taylor said that he had thought of this matter many times and felt as President Snow had expressed himself. Was willing and anxious to go to the nations and preach the gospel. He held himself in readiness for a call of this kind and believed all the brethren of the quorum felt the same and would not look upon it as a burden or hardship.

Apostle Smoot reported the organization of Parley's Park Ward with Angus J. Cannon as bishop and Park City Ward with Frederick Rasband as bishop. Apostle Smoot suggested that a

letter of encouragement and blessing be written to ex-president Abram Hatch in view of the fact that he is feeling humble and reconciled to the recent changes in the Wasatch Stake and is supporting the priesthood there. Recommendation adopted.

Song, "Glory to God on High." Benediction by Apostle Cowley, who prayed that the Lord would inspire President Snow to direct the labors of the Twelve Apostles and to say when and where they should go and when they should return.

#### **Monday, 26 August, 1901**

Vernal, Utah. Clear and cool. 8 p.m. Ward conference of the Vernal Ward held in the ward house, Bp. Jno. N. Davis presiding. Bp. Davis made brief verbal report of his ward, and the two new counselors expressed a willingness to accept the appointments tendered them. I made remarks upon the beauty and power of our church organization. Also dwelt upon the duties of a bishop and the attitude and relationship of the members of the church to the priesthood. Related two incidents showing the influence for good or evil that woman exerts over her husband.

From the meeting we went and administered to the wife of Elder [Reuben S.] Collett, who was very much weakened in her body caused by excessive flowing. There being no [consecrated] oil in the house, we laid our hands upon her and blessed her, I being mouth.

#### **Thursday, 29 August 1901**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cool; rain during night. 11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Lorenzo Snow and Jos. F. Smith, and Apostles Jno. H. Smith, Jno. W. Taylor, Anthon H. Lund, Matthias F. Cowley, Rudger Clawson, and Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "Glory to God on High." President Snow was mouth in prayer. Song, "Farewell All Earthly Honors."

Apostle Taylor reported the attendance of himself and Reed Smoot at the Millard Stake Conference, where they had an excellent time.

Apostle Smith reported the completion of the Hyrum Stake organization at the last quarterly conference. Geo. Pitkin was sustained as 1st and I. C. Thorsen as 2nd counselor to Pres. Wm. Parkinson. He also reported the division of the Hyrum Ward into



two wards, with H. R. F. Llinquist [Harold F. Liljenquist], son of the patriarch, as bishop of the 1st Ward, and Andrew A. Allen, returned missionary, as bishop of the 2nd Ward.

I reported my attendance at the Uintah Stake Conference. Said that by the recommendation and approval of the stake president, Saml. R. Bennion, the following changes were made: Israel J. Clark, Jas. H. Glines, and Harley Morey being aged and infirm, two of them quite deaf, were honorably released as high councillors, and the following three brethren called to take their place: Ward E. Pack, Jr., H. W. Woolley, and W. H. Siddoway; Jas. Hacking, 2nd counselor in the stake presidency, was released as stake supt. of the Sabbath Schools, and was succeeded by Chas. B. Bartlett; Hyrum B. Calder was sustained as 2nd counselor to Bp. Jno. N. Davis of Vernal, and Don. B. Colton was sustained as stake supt. [of] Religion Classes. I also reported that in returning from Vernal to Price by stage, at 8 o'clock in the evening, one of the horses laid down and died from heart failure, and we [were] seven miles from the stage station. The driver was, therefore, under the necessity of riding 7 miles for another horse. He was gone until 10 p.m. and we did not get in until midnight.

The clerk read a letter from Moses Thatcher, in which he suggested the establishment in the Brigham Young Memorial Building of the Latter-day Saints University of a library in memory of Joseph and Hyrum Smith. If this were done, he would contribute property valued at \$1000 to \$1500. Pres. Snow said that he was opposed in his feelings to the founding of a memorial to the Prophet Joseph Smith that would cost less than the memorial statue to Brigham Young, the second great leader in the kingdom. As to the above offer, he did not feel that it came from the right source, and was, therefore, not entitled to favorable consideration.<sup>2</sup> Perhaps in the future, when the church is free from embarrassment, a memorial of some kind might be erected to the memory of Joseph either in the shape of a library or something else, providing it would do honor to this, the greatest man of the nineteenth century, the prophet of God. It was thought by the

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<sup>2</sup> Moses Thatcher had been ordained an apostle in 1879 but dropped from office in 1896 for political dissension, non-attendance at meetings, and ill health (including morphine addiction).

brethren that Moses Thatcher is anxious to reestablish himself in the good-fellowship of his brethren, and that this offer was put forth as a feeler. The thought was strongly expressed by Pres. Snow and Pres. Smith and others, that if Moses Thatcher wished to secure the good-will and confidence of his brethren, he should make full and ample confession for all his faults, and that nobody knows better than he does his duty in the premises. Benediction by Apostle Smith.

### **Wednesday, 4 September 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. I spent the day mostly at the President's office, working on my financial annual statement. At 5 p.m. attended a meeting of the general board of the Y.M.M.I.A. and later took the folks out for a ride.

### **Thursday, 5 September 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. Meeting of the brethren at the President's office. Present: Apostles Jno. W. Taylor, Anthon H. Lund, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, and Reed Smoot. Apostle Lund was mouth in prayer.

Appointments to stake conferences: North San Pete, Apostle Lund; Pocatello, Apostle Taylor; Salt Lake Stake, Apostle Clawson.

A letter from Geo. Cluff, Castle Gate, was read. He desired, he said, to plant a colony of young men in Guatemala, South [Central] America, between Lake Isabel and the Motagua River near the Gulf of Honduras. It is a tropical country with healthful climate; the lands, rich and fertile; the government of that country, favorable to settlers. He now sought counsel in the matter and awaited the decision of the prophet. Action deferred until Pres. Snow and Pres. Smith should be present; the former being at Saltair, and the latter in the Teton basin.

Apostle Taylor introduced for discussion the question of colonization and said that he felt that the present policy of discouraging emigration was a mistaken one. The spirit of gathering rests upon converts in the world, and he felt that they might be emigrated to such points as Canada, the Big Horn, the Teton, Idaho, Arizona, and possibly Mexico, with splendid results to themselves and the church. Another important consideration connected with

this matter, he said, was the fact that the children of converts in the world grow up in the midst of gentile influences, in many instances marry outside of the church, and in all cases outside of the temple, and drift away from the faith of their parents. It was suggested that if some capable brother were appointed to take charge of the colonization business for the church, acquaint himself with the conditions and opportunities in the stakes of Zion, and then post himself fully as to conditions in the missionary fields with reference to the number of converts who desire to emigrate and who are in need of homes, thus placing himself in a position to direct them where to go before leaving for Zion, that great good would result therefrom and the church be strengthened. Upon motion of Apostle Clawson, Apostle Taylor was instructed to bring this matter up at our next quarterly conference of the Twelve. Benediction by Apostle Woodruff.

#### **Sunday, 8 September 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 10 a.m. Salt Lake Stake Conference, held in assembly hall, Pres. A. M. Cannon presiding. Attendance fairly good—much better than at the first session for several years past. This was due in the main to the fact that the conferences had been changed from Saturday and Sunday to Sunday alone with three sessions.

I made brief remarks and expressed gratification at the improvement as shown by the attendance and was also pleased to learn that all the bishops of the stake were present but three, and that the three were absent from the city or they would doubtless have been present. Said that while our whole people were shocked by the fearful news that came over the wires within a day or so—namely, that Wm. McKinley, president of the United States, had been shot and severely wounded, and brought near unto death by the hand of an assassin—yet we were pleased to learn this morning that he has a strong chance for recovery. I invoked the blessing of God upon him and said that I believe in so doing I was expressing the universal sentiment of the Latter-day Saints. Dwelt strongly upon the subject of marriage; reading from Section 132 on the “Eternity of the Marriage Covenant,” pointed out the great responsibility resting upon parents and presiding officers of the church to teach the young people of our faith the importance of

being married for time and eternity in the temple, thus laying the foundation of their kingdoms firm and strong.

2 p.m. Continuation of conference at tabernacle, Pres. A. M. Cannon presiding. Pres. Lorenzo Snow followed and, referring to the attempted killing of Pres. McKinley, said he felt it to be the duty of the Latter-day Saints to pray for his recovery. Pres. McKinley, he said, had been called of the Lord to do the work assigned him. He will receive a great reward in the future life for that which he has accomplished in the interest of the nation. Sorrow, trouble, and affliction is absolutely necessary to those who receive a fullness of the Godhead.

### **Monday, 16 September 1901**

St. George. Clear and warm. I visited the St. George Temple and was shown through by Elder David H. Cannon, president. This visit was a matter of great interest to me, as this was the first temple erected and dedicated in the mountains. I went all through the building, and on to the tower from which point I obtained a grand view of the surrounding country, which was indeed beautiful. Since the temple was finished in 1877, there have been 577,299 ordinances performed for the living and the dead.

### **Thursday, 19 September 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 10 a.m. Memorial services in the tabernacle, in honor of Wm. McKinley, the martyred president, whose funeral will take place today at Canton, Ohio, President Angus M. Cannon presiding. Attendance crowded—there must have been 10,000 people present. Bp. O. F. Whitney was the speaker, and his remarks were impressive and eloquent. He gave a brief sketch of the life and administration of Pres. McKinley and dwelt upon the resurrection. Funeral march by [Frederic] Chopin, rendered by Prof. J. J. McClellan on the great tabernacle organ.

### **Monday, 23 September 1901**

Farmington, Utah. Cloudy and cool. 10 a.m. Continuation of [Davis Stake] Conference, Pres. Jno. W. Hess presiding. I read Sec. 24, D.&C., and made remarks on the great importance of listening to the voice of the priesthood and giving heed thereto, otherwise the Lord would send a cursing instead of a blessing. The presiding

authorities of the stake should be just and impartial in their administration, not favoring one organization to the detriment of another.

2 p.m. Continuation of conference. I made remarks. Said that the character of a ward or organization is known by the character of the bishop or president, so great care should be taken in the selection of officers who preside. Power and authority of the priesthood. Marriage.

Pres. Jno. W. Hess made concluding remarks and spoke in great power. He blessed me by the power of the priesthood and said that the spirit of the apostleship rested upon me. He prophesied that I should become a mighty man in Israel. Testified that I was called by the Lord to the apostleship and that the spirit of it would rest upon me greatly and abundantly. Said that I should live long upon the earth. Thus ended a very interesting and profitable conference, and one from which it was hoped much good fruit would be borne.

#### **Thursday, 26 September 1901**

11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Lorenzo Snow and Jos. F. Smith, and Apostles Brigham Young, Jno. H. Smith, Jno. W. Taylor, Anthon H. Lund, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Apostle Reed Smoot was mouth in prayer, and Apostle Woodruff in the circle. Song, "Lord, We Come before Thee Now."

The clerk read a letter from Apostle Lyman, giving an interesting and spirited account of his recent visit to the Swiss, German, and Scandinavian Missions. The clerk also read a letter from Geo. Cluff relative to planting a colony of our people in Guatemala, South [Central] America, which letter was read at former meeting of the brethren, Pres. Snow being absent. Action deferred.

President Snow explained why he had allowed his daughter, Mabel, to act as queen of the Elks Carnival. The general idea was that we might, as a people, get influence with a large organization of influential men in the nation—and yet, he said, he did not feel to give them aid, or encouragement, or endorsement further than this. Spoke of Joseph, the prophet, and others of the brethren joining the Freemasons in order to obtain influence in furtherance of the purposes of the Lord.

Apostle Clawson reported his recent attendance at the St. George Stake Conference. Said that Elder Geo. F. Whitehead was sustained and set apart as 2nd counselor to Pres. Ed. H. Snow. Brother Clawson recommended the division of the St. George Stake as being almost imperative, owing to the long distances between wards. Thought that St. George Stake proper should be confined to Washington County—3000 souls, and the Nevada wards, to Nevada—1500 souls. Action deferred for the present, although the brethren conceded that the division should be made. Apostle Lund reported that he had ordained Elder J. Nielsen, bishop of Hyrum 3rd Ward.

Pres. Jos. F. Smith moved that Amos Wright of Bear Lake be appointed to a mission among the Shoshone Indians to visit and preach to them. Carried. He also reported the organization of the Teton Stake with Don Carlos Driggs as president, and J. D. Killpack and Geo. S. Young as counselors. Apostle Jno. H. Smith assisted him. Besides the meetings held in the Teton Basin where the organization took place, they held meetings also in Jackson Hole. Pres. Smith moved that Bingham, Teton, and Fremont Stakes be set apart to constitute a church school district. Carried. The same action was made to apply to the Emery and Carbon Stakes when organized, and also to the Utah, Alpine, and Nebo Stakes.

Apostle Taylor reported his attendance at the Parowan Stake Conference and said among other things that the Parowan Ward was spiritually dead. This was apparent, he said, when the bishop informed him that he had been unable to get a teacher to act in that responsible position for the past six years. It was moved and carried that with the first visit of an apostle to Parowan the bishopric be reorganized.

Stake President E. H. Snow recommended by letter the following brethren for the positions named: Wm. Abbott, bishop of Mesquite, and Jno. M. Bunker, bishop of Preston, Nevada. Carried.

Apostle Clawson reported that some little difficulty had arisen in the Davis Stake, growing out of a ruling made by the late Geo. Q. Cannon, genl. supt. Sunday Schools, that in the removal or death of a ward superintendent of Sabbath Schools, the said superintendency was not disorganized but the assistants continued in office. Upon motion of Pres. Smith this ruling was reversed and it was decided that a superintendency of a Sunday School should

be governed by the rule that is had in other presidencies in the church.

Song, "Glory to God on High." Benediction by Apostle Jno. H. Smith.

### **Sunday, 29 September 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 10 a.m. Fast meeting at the temple, Pres. Lorenzo Snow presiding. In his remarks Pres. Snow said in part: I know the destiny of the Latter-day Saints. I know my destiny, providing I keep in the path the Lord has marked out. I know what you—brethren and sisters—can reach. We are all the children of God—all that live upon the earth. God loves us all. When Jesus died, he died for the whole human family. He died that we might become Gods and Goddesses in eternity. Latter-day Saints are tried, have their troubles and disappointments. We cannot obtain a fullness of joy in this world. It was not intended that we should. Some will secure a fullness of glory hereafter, and others will receive it in part. There are three glories and other conditions that are not so glorious, and the Lord will bring his children into those conditions. As to the Latter-day Saints, the Lord designs that they shall receive a fullness of Celestial glory, and they are destined to become Gods in eternity. Jesus was God before he came into the world and he was God after he came, while a babe in Bethlehem, but he did not know it.

### **Tuesday, 1 October 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. 10 a.m. Quarterly conference of the Twelve at the temple. Present: Apostles Brigham Young, Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Jno. W. Taylor, Marriner W. Merrill, Anthon H. Lund, Abraham O. Woodruff, and Rudger Clawson. Song, "A Poor Wayfaring Man of Grief." Prayer by Apostle Woodruff. Song, "Praise to the Man Who Communed with Jehovah."

Apostle Young was the first speaker and said in substance that he had good reason to believe that if Pres. Snow should pass away suddenly, he would die a poor man financially and his family would be left in need. He felt that Pres. Snow should take steps, while living, to provide for his family that they might be made comfortable in a time to come. If the brethren approved of it, he would like so to express himself to President Snow, and he believed that

the President would appreciate the good feelings of his brethren.

Apostle Smith expressed his approval of the suggestion and said it would be in harmony with the course taken by Presidents Brigham Young, Jno. Taylor, and Wilford Woodruff, who each in his time provided for their families while yet they were with us. If we were living in the United Order, these matters would be properly adjusted. The families of our leaders—especially their widows—should be cared for within reason, but of course they should be frugal and industrious. He also felt to endorse the idea and proposition that if any wife of an apostle (be the apostle alive or dead) be found lacking in those things needful for her comfort, provision should be made in such case that it shall not be necessary for her to call upon the bishop each week of her life.

Apostle Teasdale said that he was in harmony with the views expressed. He felt that there was no need for a wife of the President or an apostle to suffer for the necessities of life.

Apostle Taylor felt that Brother Brigham's suggestion was inspired of the Lord, and it, therefore, had his hearty approval. Apostle Lund said that he felt to be one with his brethren in this matter. Apostle Merrill felt that Brother Brigham's suggestion came as an inspiration. Apostle Woodruff said that he felt that the wives of our leading men should not be left to suffer for the common necessities of life.

Apostle Clawson read from the Book of Covenants, as follows: Sec. 7, verses 12 to 15; Sec. 24, verses 1 to 10, and Sec. 26, verses 3 to 9. He said he felt to endorse the suggestions made and believed it to be in harmony with the revelations of God as read. Apostle Young said that he would submit the matter to President Snow.

Apostle Woodruff called attention to the fact that Elder [John E.] Magleby, president of the New Zealand Mission, and Elder [Walter C.] Lyman, president of the Northern States Mission, had been a long time absent from home and felt that we ought to recommend their release to return home. No formal action taken.

Apostle Young said that in all probability Pres. Snow would consult the brethren as to the successor of the late Thos. E. Ricks, president of Fremont Stake. He asked the brethren to be thinking about this matter. Spoke in reference to the duty of the Twelve in opening the door of the gospel to the nations of the earth. Said



that President Snow's mind of late had been impressed with the importance of this obligation which rested upon his brethren, and he had several times within a recent period expressed a wish that they should take the subject into consideration. Brother Brigham felt that the question we should now seek to answer is this: where are the nations, not already visited, to whom the gospel might be carried by the Twelve? His mind, he said, had rested upon South America, and possibly fields might be opened up in Brazil, the Argentine Republic, La Plata, Montevideo, and other places. It was thought that at the close of the war South Africa would be a good field.

Apostle Smith said that he would feel a little chary about recommending himself or any member of the quorum for a mission, as he conceded that this right belonged to the First Presidency. The apostles are here and are ready to go to the ends of the earth at their bidding.

Apostle Young explained that President Snow did not expect the apostles to call themselves to fill missions, but simply desired them to suggest new fields for missionary work. Upon the recommendation of Apostle Taylor, it was decided that an atlas be secured for reference and that a goodly portion of the time tomorrow be devoted to this subject.

Minutes read and approved. Benediction by Apostle Smith. The meeting was adjourned until 10 a.m. Wednesday to give the brethren an opportunity to attend the opening of the fair.

### **Wednesday, 2 October 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 10 a.m. I attended a meeting of the executive committee of the Utah Light and Power Co.

10:30. Continuation of the quarterly conference of the Twelve. I came in a little late. The brethren were discussing the wisdom of opening the door of the gospel to South America. It was thought by some that it might be a good plan to plant a colony at Montevideo, Uruguay, or at some other point, and extend the work into the regions round about. Apostle Taylor moved that we recommend to the Presidency that a mission be established in South America. Carried by unanimous vote. As to planting a colony that matter would be determined by events following the establishment of a mission, which was of the first importance.

Some discussion was indulged in with reference to the necessity of providing some means, by the building of a temple or otherwise, for giving the blessings of the house of the Lord—at least in part—to the saints who live in the far distant Sandwich Islands, Mexico, and other places from which our people do not emigrate to Zion.

Apostle Cowley reported his recent visit to Arizona and Mexico. Had enjoyed the trip very much and found the saints feeling well, except as to Maricopa Stake. The people there appeared to be about ready to pull up and move away. During the presidency of Brother [Collins R.] Hakes some 500 had left the stake. President Hakes, he thought, was not a strong enough man to hold them there. He had united a number of young people in marriage by the sealing ordinance but regretted that it had to be done outside the temple. Apostle Cowley also reported that he was introduced to a Russian gentleman in San Francisco, who had translated portions of the Book of Mormon and the *Voice of Warning* into the Russian language, and had sent the same to St. Petersburg, where there were about 40 of his countrymen investigating the principles of the gospel. It was decided that this matter should be referred to Apostle Francis M. Lyman, president of the European Mission.

Benediction by Apostle Teasdale. There were present at the meeting: Apostles Brigham Young, Geo. Teasdale, Jno. W. Taylor, Marriner W. Merrill, Anthon H. Lund, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, and Reed Smoot.

2 p.m. Continuation of meetings. Present: Apostles Brigham Young, Geo. Teasdale, Jno. W. Taylor, Marriner W. Merrill, Anthon H. Lund, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, and Reed Smoot. Song, "Guide Us, O Thou Great Jehovah." Prayer by Apostle Clawson. Song, "O Awake! My Slumbering Minstrel."

Apostle Taylor read from an atlas the names of the countries which had not been visited by our elders, and where the sound of the gospel had never been heard, and some discussion followed upon this topic. Apostle Clawson read a letter from Apostle Lyman, which clearly set forth his views relative to the gathering of the saints to Zion. Apostle Cowley stated that some of the missions were being impoverished by the release of elders and that

it is of the highest importance to call others immediately to take their places.

Song, "Lord, Thou Wilt Hear Me When I Pray." Benediction by Apostle Taylor.

#### **Thursday, 3 October 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear in morning; raining during afternoon. 10 a.m. Continuation of conference of the Twelve. Present: Apostles Brigham Young, Geo. Teasdale, Jno. W. Taylor, Marriner W. Merrill, Anthon H. Lund, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, and Reed Smoot, [and John H. Smith]. Song, "Away with Our Fears," Prayer by Apostle Cowley. Song, "For the Strength of the Hills We Bless Thee."

Apostle Smith was the first speaker and said he regretted his absence yesterday, which was occasioned by his attendance at court. He was in touch with his brethren and the Presidency. He had spent a fair share of his time from home during the past three months in the line of his duty. Spoke of the need of more elders in the Southern States. Also called attention to the friendship of many prominent men in the nation for the Latter-day Saints, and how the Lord was using them to accomplish his purposes.

Apostle Woodruff spoke of the necessity of something being done for the Maricopa Stake. A change should be made in the presidency. Apostle Taylor moved that we recommend to the Presidency the reorganization of the Maricopa Stake. Carried.

Apostle Clawson moved that it be the sense of the meeting that the committee who have the matter in hand should represent to the Presidency the necessity of getting out a cheap edition of the Book of Mormon. Carried.

11:30 a.m. Presidents Snow and Smith came in. Apostle Brigham Young submitted two recommendations, namely, the establishing of a mission in South America and the reorganization of the Maricopa Stake. Pres. Snow asked Brother Brigham as to whom the apostles would suggest to open a mission in South America. He replied that the Twelve had no recommendation to make, but every one of them was ready to respond to a call. Matter taken under advisement.

Apostle Cowley reported the following ordinations while on his trip south: Orson Wilkin, bishop of Nutrioso, Arizona; Leroy

Gibbons, bp. of Concho, Arizona; Christopher I. Kempe, patriarch; Wm. Henry Solomon, patriarch, Snowflake Stake; David Weech, bishop of Pima, St. Joseph Stake; Joseph Taylor, patriarch, St. Joseph Stake; Edwin E. Thompson, bishop of Franklin, St. Joseph Stake; Lehi Larson, bishop of Matthews, St. Joseph Stake. These ordinations were approved by unanimous vote. Apostle Cowley also reported that Joseph Cluff of St. Joseph Stake had been preaching false doctrine and was in this way making considerable [trouble] for the brethren. They were on the point of handling him for his fellowship when Bro. Cowley left. Spoke of conditions in the Maricopa Stake as being very unfavorable.

Apostle Smith gave an account of conditions prevailing in the Maricopa Stake from the beginning. The heat of that country at times is intense, and many people cannot live there, but it is a fruitful land. The members of the church there have sold the controlling interest in the canal to a corporation from which bad results have followed. What is lacking today is a leader among our people there.

President Snow felt that the water should be resecured and a strong man sent there to preside. Action deferred until Pres. Hakes could be seen to furnish definite information concerning the water prospects.

The question of providing means for the giving of endowments to the saints living in Arizona and Mexico was discussed. Apostle Smith moved that an architect be employed to draft plans for an endowment [house] to cost \$30,000 with a view of erecting said building in Arizona or Mexico, providing the people in that part of the country desired it and would bear the expense of its cost. Carried.

At this point the tables were spread for the sacrament, Apostle Young being mouth in offering the blessing. While at the table Pres. Snow made some allusions to the Prophet Joseph Smith and said that he did many things which tried the faith of the people, and some apostatized. He thought it likely that such might be the case in our day. Referred to the Elks Carnival and the part his daughter, Mabel, had taken as queen. This action on his part might try the faith of some of the people, perhaps some of the apostles, but it was right and would accomplish good. He felt assured of this.

After the Presidency had withdrawn, the minutes of the meeting were read and adopted. The brethren of the Twelve were unanimous in the opinion that the people in the south would not be satisfied with an endowment house, but would want a temple, though modest in appearance and cost. The thought was expressed that a temple sufficient to meet their wants would cost but little more than an endowment house. Apostle Young was delegated to bring this matter to the attention of the Presidency. Adjourned to Jan. 7th, 1902.

**Saturday, 5 October 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 7:30 p.m. General priesthood meeting. Bishop Wm. B. Preston. Topics treated. The importance of being one in the priesthood. The title of church property to rest in the bishops. Duties of the lesser priesthood.

Apostle Brigham Young. Topics treated. Duties of the lesser priesthood. Immorality among the young people of Zion. We will be driven into the United Order. Tithing.

Pres. Jos. F. Smith. Topics treated. Tithing. Importance of watching the young and teaching them the gospel. The power of example. Keeping the Sabbath day holy. Defined the priesthood as the power of God conferred upon man. Not absolutely necessary to ordain an elder a seventy in order to preach the gospel. Proper persons to be recommended to take missions. Counseled against secret societies. Deplored the assassination of Pres. Wm. McKinley.

**Monday, 7 October 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. Meeting of the general authorities, presidents of stakes, bishops of wards, and others, Pres. Jos. F. Smith presiding. Meeting held in the assembly hall.

The speakers were Pres. Jos. F. Smith, who spoke of the importance of punctuality. Jno. R. Winder. Topics treated. Rules to be observed by those who come to the temple.

Pres. Jos. F. Smith. Topics. People who go to the temple should be clean and pure. Church indebtedness well in hand, so that the church is not embarrassed and will be able to meet its obligations when they come due. The highest interest now paid is 4% and 6%, as against 10% formerly. The church school system and the new

move now contemplated of uniting several stakes into a school district.

Rudger Clawson. Topics treated. The duties of the lesser priesthood. Also the proper keeping of records in the stakes and wards. Submitted a plan, through questions to be answered, whereby bishops could give a clear idea of conditions prevailing in their wards. It was decided to send a copy of the questions to each stake president.

B. H. Roberts. Topics treated. Missionary work under the auspices of the Y.M.M.I.A. Reverence for the name of Deity to be taught in the associations this winter.

Apostle Jno. W. Taylor. Topics treated. The breaking of the Sabbath day by hunting and otherwise. Duties of the teacher.

Apostle A. O. Woodruff. Topics treated. Ventilation. Bp. Wm. B. Preston. Topics treated. Tithing. Lesser priesthood. Apostle Lund made brief remarks. Apostle Brigham Young. Topics treated. The duties of the acting and regular teachers. Pres. Smith. Topics. The quorums of the priesthood should not meet conjointly but separately. We should sustain the *Church Chronology*.

### **Tuesday, 8 October 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 10 a.m. Meeting of the missionaries called to labor among the Mutual Improvement Associations throughout the church this winter, at the Latter-day Saints College building. Members of the general board present, and 58 missionaries out of 63 in attendance. The missionaries present were divided into 7 bodies and set apart, which consumed about 30 minutes. I give the names of those whom I set apart: Geo. W. Daybell, Jos. Wright, and Jas. Yardley. Instructions were given by Elder J. Golden Kimball, Apostle Jno. H. Smith, and myself.

### **Wednesday, 9 October 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. In connection with my appointment as second counselor in the First Presidency of the church, I here record an interview with President Lorenzo Snow. I called at the Beehive House by request at 12:30 noon, Sunday, Oct. 6th, 1901, between meetings of the conference. President Snow, being quite feeble with a bad cold, had just arisen. He said to me in substance, Brother Clawson, if I go to the conference meeting this

afternoon—and I must go, providing my health and the weather permits—you will be presented as my second counselor. I have been thinking about you. I remember your experience in the Southern States, when your missionary companion [Joseph Standing] was shot down in cold blood and you, yourself, were threatened with martyrdom, and but narrowly escaped. I remember your long imprisonment in the Utah penitentiary—three years and a little over—for having accepted and obeyed the principle of plural marriage. And the Lord was well pleased with the manner in which you met this great trial. I remember your appointment to the presidency of the Box Elder Stake of Zion and your labors in that capacity for a little upwards of ten years, and with reference to that mission, I have often remarked that I knew of no young man in Zion, who had been so greatly blessed with success as you had been. I remember when this appointment by President Woodruff and the brethren was made known to you (and President Snow smiled) you were greatly agitated and said, “Why, if I am chosen as president of that stake, what shall I say, I cannot preach.” It was a very great trial to you, but you were blessed and sustained of the Lord, and your labors were pleasing and acceptable unto him. I have thought about these things, and the Spirit of the Lord whispers to me that I am to select you for one of my counselors.

I said in reply, “President Snow, there is only one consideration that makes it possible for me to accept this great responsibility, and that consideration is the fact that I know this to be the work of God. The Lord can qualify and make me equal to the obligation, man cannot.” The President replied, “Yes, that is true.” Thus ended the interview.

At about 2 o'clock the sky was overcast with blackness and a heavy storm threatened. President Snow was quite feeble and everything seemed to be unfavorable to his leaving home; but he felt impelled to go to the tabernacle (and did so) because of the important matters pressing upon his mind.

At 10 a.m. I attended the monthly meeting of the directors of the Utah Light and Power Co. President Snow—the president of the co.—was not in attendance on acct. of sickness. He, however, held a meeting at his home with the directors of the Saltair Beach Co., but was quite ill with his cold at the close and had the brethren administer to him, after which he felt improved. I attended to

several matters of business during the afternoon.

I would here record that on Tuesday morning, Oct. 8th, President Snow sent for me and said he designed my first official act as his counselor to be an act of charity. He instructed me to obtain full information regarding the widows of the following named brethren with special reference to their means of support: Heber C. Kimball, Orson Hyde, Jno. Taylor, Orson Pratt, Parley P. Pratt, and Daniel H. Wells. The purpose of this mission, now given me, was not stated, but from the views expressed at one of the meetings of the Presidency and Twelve, I had every reason to believe that President Snow designed rendering assistance from the church to the widows of these brethren in all cases where help was needed.

I have received many hearty congratulations from the brethren and sisters, as I meet them, upon my appointment as second counselor in the First Presidency. Apostle Matthias F. Cowley told me that he had received a manifestation, while in Mexico some time ago, that I would be appointed to said position. The following is a copy of some of the letters addressed to me since the general conference:

Mount Pleasant  
Oct. 7, 1901

President Rudger Clawson  
Salt Lake City

Dear Brother:

When you were here some time ago, I felt impressed that you would some day be elevated to the high and holy calling as above named. Yesterday saw it an accomplished fact. I am indeed pleased. Accept my honest, sincere congratulations.

I most heartily endorse the article in today's *Herald*, "The New President's Life," and I believe you will in every phrase of your future life honor the position, to which President Snow has called you by the direction of the Almighty. On the eve of my 82nd birthday and my 60th year's connection with this people, I repeat my congratulations with a fervent prayer for your success as one of the Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of



Latter-day Saints.

I remain yours cordially,

(signed) David Candland.

P.S. Please excuse my presuming to write you; I could not resist.

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Rexburg, Idaho

Oct. 8th, 1901

Pres. Rudger Clawson

Dear Brother and Friend:

Permit me to extend to you my heartfelt congratulations upon your promotion, and I assure you of my sincerest invocations to the Great Master for his choicest blessings to rest upon you.

Most respectfully yours,

(signed) C. L. French.

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Brigham City

Oct 7th, 1901

Rudger Clawson

Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Brother Clawson:

Accept my hearty congratulations and approval to the high position to which you have been chosen to preside. When you were selected to be a member in the quorum of the apostles, I was at the conference, and a thought seized me quick: "He is the right man and has gone up on his merits, and he will not be one whit behind the rest, and the people will soon know of his worth." Future history confirmed the thought.

I am sure the Lord will prepare you for the duty to which you have been called, for you are an earnest worker.

Wishing you well, I have the pleasure of being,

Your brother,

(signed) John H. Horsley.

Office of Woman's Exponent  
Salt Lake City  
Oct. 9th, 1901

President Rudger Clawson

My Dear Brother:

As one of your old friends and one who has watched your course from childhood days, allow me to offer my congratulations on your recent appointment as counselor to our revered president, seer, and revelator, and our good brother, President Lorenzo Snow. I have the utmost confidence in your integrity, and in your loyalty to the gospel, and to those with whom your lot has been cast in the holy priesthood.

May you be as true, and as faithful, and as diligent as President [Daniel H.] Wells was when he filled a like position to Brigham Young. I think no man could be more loyal to another than he was to that great pioneer and leader.

I rejoiced greatly when President Snow succeeded to the Presidency for many reasons, but particularly because his sister, Eliza Snow, [whom] I so loved and revered, had on more than one occasion prophesied that her brother would yet be "Our President." I remember your spiritual tendency as a boy, or young man perhaps would be a better term, and I am glad to see the opportunity opened to you to serve this people. And while you hold in your power opportunities for higher spiritual development and attainments, do not forget the sisters in their sphere in the church—and may the choicest blessings of heaven be yours is my desire and prayer.

Yours truly &c.,  
(signed) Aunt Em[meline] Wells.

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LaGrande, Oregon

Pres. Rudger Clawson  
Salt Lake City

Dear Brother:

The *Union Stake* of Zion sends congratulations to you and wish you a *powerful* administration.

I congratulate you and pledge you my hearty support in every particular. May God the Father give you the spirit of leadership which has always characterized those holding the position you now hold, and may the *living water* ever flow from your heart into ours that we may all be mutually benefited and power thereby given us unto salvation is the fervent prayer of

Yours most humbly,  
(signed) F. S. Bramwell.

(Note: Brother Bramwell is president of the Union Stake.)

My brother, Spencer Clawson, wrote me a very warm letter of congratulation, which for the moment I have misplaced, and, therefore, cannot enter a copy of the same on this page.

My reply to him was as follows:

Salt Lake City  
Oct. 9, 1901

Dear Brother Spencer:

I take this opportunity to apologize for my apparent neglect in acknowledging receipt of your letter. Believe me when I say, that I deeply appreciate the kind wishes you express for my success as second counselor to President Lorenzo Snow. It is clear to me, as I know it must be to you, that the Lord only can qualify me for the great responsibility, and were it not for this important consideration, I never could have been equal to its acceptance.

I fervently trust that the faith and confidence of the Latter-day Saints, always so much to be desired, may be given me, and that my future life shall be actuated by a spirit of integrity and devotion to the cause of Zion.

I remain your brother,  
[signed] Rudger Clawson.

meetings, and Young Men's missionary meetings, I have been extremely busy since your letter came to hand.

R. C.

During the afternoon of today, Wednesday, Pres. Snow was taken severely sick, which was due to his cold, with a threatened attack of pneumonia, and obliged to go to his bed. I called at the Beehive [House], and rendered what assistance I could until midnight. At that hour he seemed to be somewhat better.

### Thursday, 10 October 1901

[Salt Lake City.] At 5 a.m. Thursday morning a messenger came to my home and notified me that President Snow was much worse. I immediately went to his bedside and found the President in a very serious condition. President Smith, and the apostles, and members of his family had been summoned to his bedside, and responded with the utmost dispatch. Pres. Snow's condition was so critical, that we administered to him at once, without waiting for President Smith. Apostle Cowley anointed, and I confirmed the same. We were assisted by Apostle Woodruff and LeRoi C. Snow.

President Smith [and] a number of the apostles came in a little later. Pres. Snow's condition was quite critical all the morning. Pneumonia had set in. At 11 a.m. Pres. Smith and the apostles repaired to the temple to offer up special prayer in the circle for President Snow and also to attend to any pressing business that should be brought to their attention.

11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Pres. Jos. F. Smith, President Rudger Clawson, and Apostles Brigham Young, Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Reed Smoot, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "See How the Morning Sun." Pres. Smith was mouth in prayer, and I was mouth in the circle.

A long letter was read from Benj. Cluff of the Brigham Young expedition, South America, dated at Columbia. The clerk also read an interesting communication from Apostle Francis M. Lyman, Liverpool.

At this point Brother Arthur Winter came in and notified the brethren that Pres. Snow was much worse, and a moment later Brother L. John Nuttall brought the same message. Benediction [by] Apostle Smoot.

The brethren immediately repaired to the Beehive House. We found President Snow's symptoms very alarming.

By direction of Pres. Smith the brethren and all present knelt around his bed, and I was mouth in offering prayer. The President steadily grew worse as the day wore on, and at 3:35 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 10, 1901, he breathed his last. His final moments appeared to be free from pain. Thus passed away Israel's great leader, president, prophet, seer, and revelator, and the church was in a moment plunged into the deepest mourning. It is not necessary here to speak of his life, character, and works—for his life is an open book to the entire people of the Latter-day Saints. Nevertheless, it may be said, he was a great leader and a man of God, much beloved by the people. He died full of years (at the age of 87 1/2) and his work was accomplished. He had always shown an interest in me and mine, and I esteemed him as a staunch and undeviating brother and friend, and I deeply mourn his departure. I feel that the Church of Christ has met with a great and immeasurable loss in his death.

The news of President Snow's demise quickly spread and was soon known throughout Zion, and I doubt not throughout the world. A cablegram was sent to Apostle Lyman in Europe and Apostle Grant in Japan. Apostle Lund is in Nevada and cannot be reached.

Pres. Smith called the apostles together and suggested the appointment of a committee of two to represent the Twelve—naming myself and Apostle Woodruff—to meet with a committee of the family to make arrangements for the funeral. Suggestion adopted by unanimous vote. The committee from the Twelve and the committee from the family were, therefore, named as the general committee on funeral arrangements, and the personnel is as follows: Rudger Clawson and Abraham O. Woodruff, representing the Twelve Apostles, and Oliver G. Snow, Lorenzo Snow, Jr., Lucius A. Snow, Frank Snow, Alphonzo H. Snow, Mansfield Snow, LeRoi C. Snow, and B. Morris Young, sons of President Snow, representing the family.

#### **Friday, 11 October 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 10 a.m. Meeting of the Presidency and Twelve. Present: Pres. Jos. F. Smith, Pres. Rudger

Clawson, and Apostles Brigham Young, Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Jno. W. Taylor, Marriner W. Merrill, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, and Reed Smoot.

It was decided that the brethren of the Twelve, excepting Jno. W. Taylor, who is lame, should act as pallbearers at the funeral of Pres. Snow; also, that carriages be dispensed with and the line of march be taken up on foot from the Beehive [House] to the tabernacle, and from the tabernacle to the Oregon Short Line depot. The sons of Pres. Snow were appointed as a second relief corps of pallbearers, and the Seven Presidents—excepting Brother Fjeldsted, who is feeble—as a 3rd corps of pallbearers.

It was decided that the body of Pres. Snow should lie in state at the Beehive [House] from 7 a.m. Sunday morning until 9:45 a.m. and from 9:45 a.m. to 10 a.m. The casket should be open to the family only; that at 10 a.m. the funeral cortege should take up its march to the tabernacle as follows: police; band; Presidency; Twelve, and Patriarch Jno. Smith; pallbearers; casket; family of deceased; Presiding Bishopric; presidents of stakes; bishopric of 18th ward, the ward where Pres. Snow resided; wives of the general authorities; general board of Relief Societies, general board of the Y.M.M.I.A., general board of the Y.L.M.I.A.; general board of the Deseret Sunday School Union; general board of the Primary Associations; general board of education; church school boards; general board of Religion Classes; directorates: Z.C.M.I., Zion's Saving Bank, Utah Light and Power Co., Salt Lake and Los Angeles Ry. Co., Saltair Beach Co., Grass Creek Coal Co.; general public.

It was decided that services should begin at the tabernacle at 10:30 a.m. and conclude at 12:30 noon; that the speakers should be selected from among the Presidency and Twelve; that the tabernacle should furnish the opening and closing songs, and that the temple choir should sing two of President Snow's favorite hymns between speakers; that at the close of the services the line of march should be taken up to the depot; that the special funeral train should leave for Brigham City at 1:30 p.m., sharp, reaching Brigham at 3 p.m., where it would be met by the authorities and people of Brigham City and Box Elder Co. Carriages would be furnished and the procession headed by the presidency of the Box Elder Stake, high council, and stake boards, would take up its line of march to the grave.

A letter from Mr. [David E.] Burley of the Short Line was read. He stated officially that a complimentary special funeral train was at the service of Pres. Smith to convey the body of Pres. Snow to its final resting place. It was moved that the kind offer of the Oregon Short Line Railway Co. be accepted, and that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Burley. Carried.

It was decided by unanimous vote that the counselors of Pres. Snow should act as such in the First Presidency, being in charge of the affairs of the church, until after the funeral. Myself and Apostle Woodruff were appointed as a committee to arrange for a floral offering of the Twelve—the design to be, in a general way, three columns in white representing the First Presidency, with Twelve stars to represent the Twelve Apostles (which duty, we afterwards fulfilled). Benediction by Apostle Jno. W. Taylor.

### **Sunday, 13 October 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 8:10 a.m. We called at the Beehive [House], and found many people coming in to view the remains of Pres. Snow, which reposed in a beautiful white casket. A number of very handsome floral pieces had already been sent in. At 9:45 the doors were closed to the general public, and the family [was] left with their dead for 15 minutes.

At 10 a.m. sharp the line of march was taken up to the tabernacle in the order heretofore referred to, the band playing a funeral march. The tabernacle was reached at 10:20 a.m. The building was draped in white and looked chaste and beautiful. A splendid picture—oil painting—from the temple hung on the organ. Numerous handsome floral pieces had been received and were placed around the casket. The mourners and others in the procession were quickly seated, and the services began, Pres. Smith presiding.

A vast throng of people filled the body of the hall and the galleries.

### ***Program***

Song, "O My Father," tabernacle choir

Prayer, M. W. Merrill

Song, "Zion Stands with Hills Surrounded," choir

Remarks, Apostle B. Young

Remarks, Apostle J. H. Smith

Song, "Who Are These Arrayed in White," temple choir

Remarks, Apostle J. W. Taylor

Song, "Shall We Meet beyond the River," temple choir

Remarks, Pres. R. Clawson

Remarks, Pres. Jos. F. Smith

Thanks expressed for family, Pres. R. Clawson

Song, "Glory to God on High," tab. choir

Benediction, Bp. Jno. R. Winder.

The singing and the remarks were appropriate and impressive. His life and character were dwelt upon, and many comforting words were spoken.

In my remarks I alluded to my personal, intimate association with Pres. Snow in the Box Elder Stake for upwards of ten years, at which time I enjoyed the advantage of his experience and wisdom. Also referred to my association with him in prison for 11 months, and notwithstanding he was a man of culture and refinement, he bore the trial with great fortitude and patience, and at the same time with a cheerful spirit. Spoke of the sacred shout offered up in the "Pen," led by President Snow.

Said that, in looking at a group picture taken years ago, I was reminded of the fact that we are in the midst of great changes. The faces shown on that picture, I said, were Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball, Geo. A. Smith, Orson Hyde, Orson Pratt, Jno. Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, Ezra T. Benson, Chas. C. Rich, Lorenzo Snow, Erastus Snow, Franklin D. Richards, Geo. Q. Cannon, Jos. F. Smith, Brigham Young, Jr., and Albert Carrington. Of these sixteen men, two only remained, namely, Pres. Jos. F. Smith, who stands at the head, and Brigham Young, Jr., who stands next to him. Notwithstanding thirteen [fourteen] of these stalwarts had fallen, the work of God moves on in majesty and power, and I testified that it is the work of God, and not of man, and God would have the glory. Said that at the last fast meeting at the temple after the choir had sung his favorite song, "Shall We Meet beyond the River," Pres. Snow arose and said, "Brethren and sisters, I say to you, *we shall meet beyond the river*. God bless you." I invoked the blessings of the Lord upon the family of President Snow.

Pres. Jos. F. Smith in his remarks paid a high tribute of praise to the faithfulness and worth of Pres. Snow. The services closed at 12:30 and the casket, mourners, and others passed quickly out of



the building, and the cortege moved down the street without hitch or hindrance. The band played a solemn but beautiful funeral march. There were thousands of people thronging the streets, who were deeply moved by the impressiveness of the occasion. [We] arrived at the depot, the casket was placed in a special car, the family and invited guests were seated with dispatch, and the train moved out at 1:30—the time appointed. A quick run was made to Brigham City, but the train stopped 5 minutes at Ogden, where the people and Sunday School children had gathered by the thousands. A very beautiful floral offering was tendered from the priesthood and Sunday Schools of Weber Stake. The train arrived at Brigham promptly at 3 p.m.—the appointed hour—and found in waiting the hearse drawn by four gray horses, and numerous conveyances to carry the 360 people who had come from Salt Lake. They were placed in the carriages with great celerity, and the cortege moved on, headed by the presidency, priesthood, and stake boards of the Box Elder Stake and Held's band, which played almost the entire distance to the cemetery, one mile and a half. As the funeral train passed along Main Street the eyes of the family and visitors rested upon some eight or nine hundred Sunday School children, who had been lined up on the west side of the road, each child holding a bouquet of flowers in the right hand, while many of the older ones were weeping.

[We] arrived at the cemetery, the conveyances were quickly brought to their places, and the family and saints gathered at the place of interment. Great care had been given to the preparation of the grave, which was seven feet deep. The casket when in place rested in a brick vault three feet high, the cover being heavy rock slabs. The casket having been placed in the grave, Apostle Geo. Teasdale offered the dedicatory prayer. As chairman of the general committee, I tendered the thanks and appreciation of the family, and also the Presidency and Twelve, to the people of Brigham City and Box Elder Stake for the great manifestation of their love for President Snow, as shown by their reception of his mortal remains and the thoroughness of all arrangements made for his interment.

The filling of the grave and its covering with the floral offerings brought from Salt Lake was left in special charge of the presidency of the stake, and the family and friends returned at once to the train, which left for Salt Lake at 5:10, being ten minutes

after the hour set. Apostles Merrill and Cowley remained behind for the purpose of holding a meeting with the saints in the Brigham City tabernacle, which would partake somewhat of the character of a memorial service. It would be well to record that a memorial service was held by the people of Brigham City in the tabernacle at 11 a.m.

The train made a phenomenal run to Salt Lake, arriving at 6:35 p.m. So far as I know all the arrangements of the funeral were carried out as determined upon without a single hitch or jar, and without delay, and if President Snow had been near in spirit, as we have reason to believe that he was, there is no doubt but that he was well pleased.

#### **Monday, 14 October 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 10 a.m. The family of President Snow met in the Beehive [House] parlors and held a consultation in relation to the President's affairs. It was decided by unanimous vote that Oliver G. Snow, Leslie W. Snow, LeRoi C. Snow, Rudger Clawson, and Abraham O. Woodruff be appointed and authorized, as a committee of five, to go through President Snow's desk and safe in the office, examine carefully all his papers, and by this means ascertain, if possible, as to whether he left a will and also the amount of means going to his estate. The committee at once set to work and were busily engaged from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. The papers were all carefully assorted, many church documents being found among them. There was no will. The amount of means listed was in round numbers as follows: cash \$6800, church bonds \$3000, stock \$400, total: \$10,300. It is thought that still further holdings in stock will be found.

#### **Thursday, 17 October 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. Meeting at the temple. Present: Pres. Jos. F. Smith, and Apostles Brigham Young, Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Jno. W. Taylor, Marriner W. Merrill, Anthon H. Lund, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, and Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk, and Jno. Smith, patriarch. Song, "This Morning in Silence I Ponder and Mourn." Prayer by Apostle Smith, with Apostle Merrill as mouth in the circle. Song, "Guide Us, O Thou Great Jehovah."

The clerk read a letter from Apostle Francis M. Lyman. He made particular mention of the plan he had adopted of bringing the local ministry in the mission field into active service, thereby leaving the elders free to extend their labors into places not yet visited. Also referred to a letter from Elder Hugh J. Cannon and spoke of the advisability of publishing the Book of Mormon and Doctrine and Covenants in the German language—or at least to get out a new and revised edition. It was moved that such publication be made under the direction of Apostle Lyman. Carried. This motion was made by Apostle Woodruff.

It was moved that a ten-thousand edition of the Book of Mormon be published at Kansas City at 21 cents, as quoted by an eastern house, and that the work be done under the direction of Pres. [James G.] Duffin of the S.W. States Mission. Carried.

After some discussion, it was decided to use the tithing paid in Denmark the coming year, for the purchase of a meeting house as already under contemplation. The clerk read a letter from Bp. [Amos] Wright of Bennington, in which he stated that he had been appointed to take a mission to the Indians of the Wind River Reservation; that the Indians were anxious to see him; but that he was in straightened circumstances. A motion prevailed to the effect that he be granted proper assistance.

A letter was read from Mr. A. L. Hartley of Independence, Missouri, in which he offered for sale a portion of the temple block there. It was decided that authority be given to Pres. Duffin of the S.W. States Mission to visit Independence and investigate the matter and report to the Presidency. Elder Moses Taylor reported the labors of the presidency of the Summit Stake in the recent reorganization of said stake, which is now complete, a good work having been done.

At this point President Smith arose and said in part that he would deplore the necessity of doing anything that might have the appearance of being premature, but he felt that it was urgent that some action be taken with reference to the reorganization of the First Presidency. Complications might arise. The church property which some years ago escheated to the United States was returned to the First Presidency, and the law did not contemplate a condition arising where there would be no First Presidency. Furthermore, the trustee-in-trust should be appointed without unneces-

sary delay to properly execute deeds and other official church documents and to hold the church property. He said that he did not know how the brethren of the Twelve viewed this matter, but remarked that if they were ready for immediate action, he was.

Apostle Brigham Young said that he was heartily in favor of reorganizing the First Presidency, and nominated Pres. Jos. F. Smith as president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in all the world. Carried by unanimous vote. Pres. Smith accepted the action of the brethren and remarked that the time was ripe to sustain Brigham Young as president of the Twelve Apostles.

Pres. Smith said that he had selected his counselors and named Bp. Jno. R. Winder as the first and Apostle Anthon H. Lund as the second counselor. Sustained by unanimous vote. Apostle Lund, who was greatly surprised and deeply moved, said that he was willing to accept the appointment and expressed the hope that he might be equal to the responsibility.

It was moved and carried that Apostle Brigham Young be sustained as president of the Twelve Apostles. It was moved that President Jos. F. Smith be sustained as trustee-in-trust. Carried. It was moved that Pres. Jos. F. Smith be sustained as president of the Salt Lake Temple, with Jno. R. Winder as his first assistant. Carried.

At this point Bp. Winder was called in and notified by President Smith of his appointment. Was much affected. Remembered when Pres. Woodruff told him of his approaching appointment as 1st assistant to Pres. Snow in the temple, and asked him to say how he felt about it. In reply said he did not feel that he was qualified for the place. "Never mind," said the president, "I will appoint you and the Lord will qualify you." That is how I feel, said he, in regard to the present appointment.

It was moved that a general conference of the church be called for the 2nd Sunday in Nov. (the 10th) to ratify the said several actions as already taken. Carried.

Apostle Woodruff referred to the prophecy of his father to the effect that Jos. F. Smith would one day be president of the church. Apostle Woodruff predicted that his administration would be eventful.

The brethren were then set apart under the hands of the

Twelve and patriarch, as follows: Joseph F. Smith, president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in all the world, Jno. Smith, patriarch, being mouth; Jno. R. Winder, 1st counselor to Pres. Smith, Jos. F. Smith, mouth; Anthon H. Lund, 2nd counselor to Pres. Smith, Brigham Young, mouth; Brigham Young, president of the Twelve Apostles, Jos. F. Smith, mouth.

Upon motion Rudger Clawson and Reed Smoot were appointed as an auditing committee. Benediction by Pres. Jno. R. Winder.

#### **Saturday, 19 October 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. I spent the day at the President's office and finished entering in the record providing my annual financial statement (church accounts) for the year 1900. In the evening I had a long talk with President A. H. Lund regarding the financial condition of the church. Among other things, I told him that the present church indebtedness in round numbers amounted to \$1,237,000.00.

#### **Thursday, 24 October 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Apostles Brigham Young, Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Jno. W. Taylor, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, and Reed Smoot, and Jno. Smith, patriarch; also Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "Praise to the Man Who Communed with Jehovah." Prayer by Apostle Cowley. Song, "O, Give Me Back My Prophet Dear."

Pres. Smith said that he had invited Bishop Preston, who was present, to meet with the brethren in order to learn his mind regarding a counselor to succeed Pres. Jno. R. Winder in the [Presiding] Bishopric. Bp. Preston arose and said that he had thought about the matter and had also made it a subject of prayer. He felt the loss of Bp. Winder. In reflecting upon a successor, he believed it would be wise to select a young man and would suggest the name of Orrin P. Miller, president of the Jordan Stake of Zion; he had also thought of Bp. Geo. H. Taylor of the 14th Ward, but the latter's age was perhaps a little against him. It was moved that Orrin P. Miller be chosen and set apart as second counselor to Bp.

Wm. B. Preston. Carried by unanimous vote.

Apostle Smith moved that Hyrum Goff be sustained as president of the Jordan Stake. Carried unanimously. Bp. President [Preston] then retired.

President Smith arose and said, I believe in being frank with my brethren. I am going to make a suggestion and leave the result in your hands. I would be glad if we all had sons worthy of the apostleship, for I would like to see the sons of the apostles brought forward as far as possible. I feel that this is right. I now nominate, as it is my privilege so to do, my son, Hyrum M. Smith, to fill the vacancy in the quorum of Apostles and will leave the matter entirely with the brethren. All present spoke, one by one, and endorsed the nomination. Apostle Jno. H. Smith said that while he heartily endorsed the nomination, he felt that doubtless some fault would be found with our action, but at the same time he realized that there would be some to find fault with any action that might be taken in the premises. Pres. Smith made brief remarks. Was profoundly thankful to the brethren for the unanimity that had been manifested. No doubt some might find fault with the action of today, but faultfinders will always be in evidence among the people. He felt that it was his right to do as he had done. Hyrum is a good, honest, faithful, virtuous boy, and he had no doubt but that he would magnify the apostleship.

Stake conference appointments: Juab, Apostle Smoot; Bannock, Apostle Woodruff; Alpine, Apostle Clawson; Cache, Apostle Cowley; Fremont, Apostle Teasdale. Pres. O. C. Hoskins of Malad Stake recommended by letter the ordination of Geo. H. Facer as bishop of Cherry Creek. Carried.

By unanimous action of the council, the farm known as the Wilson Farm, church property, Maricopa Stake, was turned over to Pres. Collins Hakes of that stake for his sole use and benefit. The purpose of said action was to relieve Pres. Hakes of his present financial distress. The application of Elder Geo. Cluff of Emery Stake to plant a colony in Guatemala was not granted.

Elders Geo. Reynolds, Jas. E. Talmage, and Jno. Nicholson recommended by letter that the brick tithing granary building near the Latter-day Saints University be remodeled and used for the home of the Deseret Museum. Action was deferred until such time as an estimate of the cost of remodeling could be obtained.

A petition addressed to Pres. Angus M. Cannon, asking for a new ward organization just east of Liberty Park, was submitted and referred back to Pres. Cannon with power to act. Pres. Lund reported his recent visit to Nevada. While there he organized the Preston Ward with Hyrum S. Arnoldson as bishop. Also settled a water difficulty that was agitating the minds of the saints in the Lund and Preston Wards.

After some discussion it was decided that the balance due on the Brigham Young Memorial be brought forward and presented at the special conference on Nov. 10th. At this juncture Elder Hyrum M. Smith came in, and Apostle Jno. H. Smith by request informed him that he had been chosen an apostle and proceeded to deliver the usual charge, in brief as follows, to wit:

Brother Hyrum Smith, it is presumed that you are a moral man, that you observe the word of wisdom, that you subscribe to the principles of the gospel, that you accept the principle of plural marriage, and that you uphold and sustain in your heart the First Presidency, the Twelve, the patriarch, and other general authorities of the church. You are to be ready at any time to go and to come at the call of the Presidency. Your heart must be given to your God, your loyalty must never be questioned. You must be God-fearing, honest, just, and a tithe-payer.

President Smith said in part, I want to impress upon your mind that the law of God is the supreme law and that the will of God is the supreme will and that no authority on the earth is entitled to develop the law, as aforesaid, but the First Presidency and Twelve Apostles. You must be loyal and true to them—you must never falter or rebel. President Young told me upon one occasion that no man in the quorum of Apostles who falters or rebels can ever attain to the presidency of the church. And because they faltered, Orson Pratt and Orson Hyde lost their place of seniority in the quorum, and were consequently thrown out of the line to the presidency. Elder Smith said he know[s] this to be the work of God and would endeavor to [do] his duty, if ordained an apostle. Elder Hyrum Smith was then ordained a high priest and an apostle in the quorum of the Twelve Apostles, under the hands of all present, Pres. Jos. F. Smith being mouth. Benediction by President Brigham Young.



**Friday, 25 October 1901**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cool. I spent the forenoon at the President's office, working on my annual church financial statement for 1901. 4 p.m. Gathering at President Frank Y. Taylor's, Granite Stake. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and A. H. Lund, President Brigham Young, Apostles Jno. H. Smith, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Hyrum M. Smith, and their wives, the presidency of the Granite Stake, the high council, and their wives, and a few others.

***Program***

Address of welcome, Pres. F. Y. Taylor. He said in substance that the presidency of the Granite Stake had contemplated for some time the pleasure and propriety of having the high council of the stake together in a social capacity. And in connection with this idea they had concluded to invite the Presidency of the church and the Twelve and their wives to be present also, that the members of the council might have the privilege of shaking hands with them, and of extending a more intimate acquaintance with the general authorities of the church. He felt that such action would prove to be of great benefit to his brethren of the Granite Stake. He had to report, he said, that the presidency and high council of his stake were in perfect harmony and union, and that they were all observers of the word of wisdom and tithe-payers, and that the members of the council were laboring diligently with the presidency to build up and strengthen the elders' quorums and other organizations of the stake. He concluded by bidding the brethren and sisters a hearty welcome to his home and invited them to throw off all restraint and formality.

Response to the address of welcome, Pres. Jos. F. Smith. Pres. Smith said in substance: in behalf of the Presidency and Apostles, I accept the warm welcome tendered by Pres. Frank Y. Taylor. We have here with us tonight besides the Presidency and Twelve, the presidency of the Granite Stake, and high council, also one or more wives of those who have presided over the church—a wife of the Prophet Joseph Smith, of Brigham Young, of Jno. Taylor, of Wilford Woodruff, of Lorenzo Snow, and two of my wives.

I would like to say a few words upon a subject of interest to the Latter-day Saints. When word reached us of the death of Pres.



Wilford Woodruff, I took the news to Pres. Snow at the temple. He remarked that it was very sad and, addressing himself to me, said: Brother Joseph, Pres. Cannon will not live to lead the church but you will. I say to you that whenever the First Presidency become disorganized, it is the duty of the Twelve to effect a reorganization at the earliest possible moment. It is the will of the Lord that such action should be taken. Such was the counsel of Pres. Snow, and we have been led to reorganize the First Presidency and fill up the quorum of Apostles, and in all this there has been with us a spirit of unanimity, although some people may find fault with our action and feel that it was premature. There will always be some among us to find fault, I suppose.

Now, regarding the selection of my counselors, I have this to say, I thought about it and prayed over it. Had I consulted my personal feelings, the present arrangement is not exactly as it would have been. I had thought of others but whenever I came to the point of making a selection, these brethren who were chosen came into my mind, and I could not get away from them. I felt very warmly towards Brother Rudger Clawson, whom Pres. Lorenzo Snow chose as his second counselor, and would like to have taken him, but these my counselors were ever before me, and I feel that they were chosen of the Lord and that time will show it. Now, as to the selection of my son to fill the vacancy in the quorum of Apostles, I will say that it was done by the united action of the quorum. If there be those who will find fault, they do it as against the united action of the Twelve, and yet it was my action, too, for I heartily approved it and felt thankful to the Lord that I had a son worthy to be ordained to the apostleship. I believe he will prove himself worthy of his appointment. I shall be very happy to see the sons of my brethren, also, advanced in the authority of the priesthood to the quorum of Apostles and to other quorums.

There is another matter I would like to mention—a matter that will be brought strongly to the attention of the Latter-day Saints. I speak of the great evil of placing mortgages on the homes of the saints. It weakens the very bulwarks of Zion and we feel to proclaim against it. I am greatly pleased with the report made concerning the presidency and high council of the Granite Stake and feel to bless them in the name of the Lord.

in part that he had a feeling in his heart some time ago, or rather a manifestation while in the temple at prayer circle meeting, that Brother Hyrum M. Smith, who was present and who impressed him as very much resembling his uncle [grandfather] Hyrum Smith, the patriarch, would one day be an apostle. He was thankful that he had had a manifestation of that which had already come to pass.

Remarks, Pres. Brigham Young. Pres. Young said in substance that the quorum of apostles were never more fully united than at the present time. He greatly rejoiced in the reorganization of the Presidency and the filling up of his quorum.

Remarks, Pres. Jno. R. Winder. Pres. Winder said: the death of Pres. Snow was a great shock to himself and the temple workers. My call to the Presidency was also a great shock to me. Pres. Woodruff, upon one occasion when he expected to die, gave me a mission to work in the temple and asked me what I thought about it. I replied that I did not feel qualified for the responsibility. He then said, "I will give you the mission and the Lord will qualify you." This is how I feel in regard to my present appointment. When people congratulate me upon my connection with the First Presidency, I say to them: "Pray for me." I feel to say that it is my determination to stand by and sustain President Smith to the last. Am pleased with conditions in this stake.

Remarks, Pres. A. H. Lund. Pres. Lund said that he was pleased with the spirit of this occasion. Great changes have been alluded to during the evening. The last time Pres. Snow spoke at a public gathering was at Apostle Reed Smoot's on the Monday following the general conference. I had some conversation with him on that occasion and he asked in relation to the history of Joseph Smith that is now being written. I told him that we were getting out about 32 pages a week. He figured the matter up in his mind and said with some disappointment, "Why, I will be dead and buried before the work is accomplished." I little thought that this prediction would be so soon fulfilled. Was thankful for the reorganization of the First Presidency and felt the wisdom of President Woodruff's counsel, when he said, "Don't let a month pass after my death before reorganizing the Presidency."

During the evening the brethren and sisters sat down to a splendid banquet. The occasion was thoroughly enjoyed and re-

flected credit upon Pres. Frank Y. Taylor, his good wife, and all who assisted in entertaining.

**Sunday, 27 October 1901**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy, threatening rain, and cool. 8 a.m. Left by train over D. and R. G. [Denver and Rio Grande] for Lehi to attend the Alpine Stake Conference, arriving at 9 a.m.

2 p.m. Continuation of conference, Pres. [Stephen L.] Chipman presiding. Pres. Jos. F. Smith was the speaker for the afternoon. Topics treated. Inasmuch as we are united in sustaining the authority of the priesthood, we shall have strength and continue to stand and not fall. He had not sought or desired any position in the church, only as God had called him to act. Could say the same of his brethren of the Twelve. The church is built upon the foundation of the truth, and we must acknowledge Jesus Christ as the savior of the world. Testified that Joseph Smith was a prophet of God. He loved Brigham Young, who fulfilled his mission, and he (J. F. S.) was a witness of it. Testified that Jno. Taylor was a man of God and held the keys of the kingdom. Was intimately connected with Wilford Woodruff and knew him to be a man of God. Bore testimony to the divine commission of Lorenzo Snow in the accomplishment of the mission given him. This is the Lord's work and he will bring it off victorious. Admonished the saints to cherish the gospel and the love of the truth in their hearts as above and beyond all price.

Pres. Anthon H. Lund. Topics treated. Voting for the general authorities of the church. The patriarchal office. The blessings and promises of Jacob conferred upon his 12 sons [are] now being fulfilled. Free agency of man.

**Thursday, 31 October 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. I came in a few moments late, just as Apostle Woodruff concluded the reading of a letter from Apostle Lyman, Liverpool. Present: the First Presidency, and Apostles Brigham Young, Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, and Pat. John Smith, and Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk.

The clerk read a letter from Apostle Lyman, in which he

referred feelingly to the death of the late President Lorenzo Snow. A letter was read from Bp. Moroni Ward of Washakie Ward, relating to Bp. [Amos R.] Wright's mission to the Wind River Indians. He said that an effort is being made to get an Indian with his wife to accompany the bishop on his errand, and would doubtless be successful, provided, however, that a pony be furnished for his use. A letter from Pres. Wm. Budge brought the information that the total expense of the mission to the Wind River Agency would be as follows, to wit:

Outfit for Bp. Wright	285
Debts and home expenses of Bp. Wright	300
total	\$585

1 Indian pony.

Upon motion the above amount was appropriated for the purpose named, with the understanding also that a pony should be furnished by the church.

A letter addressed to the council from Elder Chas. H. Wilkins was read. He informed the brethren that there was ample room for a large number of settlers at Deseret and expressed the hope that an influence would be used to have home-seekers go to that part of the country. The matter was referred to Apostle Woodruff.

The clerk read a letter from Pres. Ben. E. Rich, in which he referred to a conversation with Pres. Jos. F. Smith in relation to making an effort to plant a small colony of our people in Alabama with converts from that section of the country and from the southern states. The information gleaned from the letter made it appear that a movement of this kind would be of doubtful success. After some discussion it was moved that "we deem it imprudent and inadvisable to colonize our people in the southern states at the present time, and that those who desire to emigrate, and are in circumstances to do so, should be encouraged to go to some of our new settlements." Carried.

Apostle Woodruff reported that Bp. Wm. Mendenhall of Mound Valley was sustained as 2nd counselor to Pres. [Lewis S.] Pond at the last stake conference held in Bannock Stake. Apostle Clawson called the attention of the council to the fact that at a previous meeting the question of again dividing the Salt Lake Stake was proposed, that a committee consisting of Apostles Grant and

Clawson was appointed to investigate the propriety of such action and report to the council, that at a later date the committee made verbal report and recommended the division, that owing to other pressing business before the meeting further discussion and action were deferred. Apostle Clawson now suggested that the matter be called up and disposed of, and remarked that if the brethren were favorable to the division, action should be taken at once so that the change might be effected at the beginning of the year.

Apostle Clawson then spoke to the question as follows, to wit: said that the Salt Lake Stake was first divided in Jan. 1900; that so far as he knew no argument could be brought and successfully maintained against the wisdom of said division; that in 1899 before the division the Salt Lake Stake paid \$208,172.26 in tithing and in 1900 after the division \$206,863.53; the Granite Stake paid in 1899 \$48,463.92 and in 1900 \$54,646.09; the Jordan Stake paid in 1899 \$30,297.64 and in 1900 \$30,506.63, showing an increase in the two new stakes; that the present population of the Salt Lake Stake is 22,890 with 28 wards, of the Granite Stake, 9515 with 14 wards, and of the Jordan Stake, 6840 with 12 wards; that if the Salt Lake Stake were again divided by Main Street (that being the line suggested), in the east Salt Lake Stake there would be 13 wards with a population of 10,459, and in the west Salt Lake Stake there would be 15 wards with a population of 12,441; that the Salt Lake Stake as divided would then constitute two of the largest stakes in Zion; that the division line would be imaginary so far as dividing the people in sentiment and faith is concerned, but a very substantial line so far as bringing the presidency of the stake and the people close together; that a large number of the brethren and sisters, whose talents are in some degree lost to the church, would be brought into active service; that the temple block should be reserved and held subject to the control of the First Presidency; that conjoint meetings of the two stakes should be held in the tabernacle every Sabbath afternoon, each presidency presiding alternately. After setting forth his views, Apostle Clawson said that he was himself very much in favor of the division and hoped the council would take favorable action.

Apostle Jno. H. Smith moved that the Salt Lake Stake be divided upon the lines suggested. Carried by unanimous vote.

While no formal action was taken, it seemed to be the mind of the brethren that the present stake authorities be released and two new presidencies installed. Pres. Smith asked the brethren to come to the next meeting prepared to suggest names of those who would be suitable for presiding officers.

"Doxology." Benediction by Apostle Hyrum M. Smith.

### **Tuesday, 5 November 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. I spent the day at the President's office, and during the afternoon Pres. Jno. R. Winder called in and I went over very carefully with him the financial reports (which are all duly recorded) that I prepared for the benefit of the church during Pres. Lorenzo Snow's presidency. He expressed himself as being very much interested and pleased with them and thought they were of great value to the church.

### **Thursday, 7 November 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: the First Presidency, and Apostles Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, and Jno. Smith, patriarch, and Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk; also Apostle Hyrum M. Smith. Song, "I Know That My Redeemer Lives." Apostle Woodruff was mouth in prayer, and Apostle Smoot in the circle. Song, "The God That Others Worship."

The clerk read a letter from Apostle Heber J. Grant, dated from Yokohama, Oct. 14th, 1901. He said among other things that the news of Pres. Snow's death came to them as a great surprise and caused them to shed tears when they realized that they would meet him no more in this life. He and his companions held a little memorial service during the funeral of President Snow. Referring to the Japanese Mission, said that he had accomplished but little in learning the language, but had been very busy in defending the principles of the gospel. Felt that the Book of Mormon should be translated into the Japanese tongue and recommended that steps be taken to that end at once. He expressed a wish that his wife, Augusta, be permitted to come to him, saying that he believed she would be as efficient in giving him the assistance he needed in learning the language as an elder.

After some discussion Apostle Clawson moved that the council "do not deem it wise and proper that the Book of Mormon be translated into the Japanese language at the present time, but that the elders should more particularly resort to the translation of tracts, and our articles of faith; and that Apostle Grant shall have the privilege of sending for his wife." The motion was amended to read that he shall have the privilege of sending for his wife at the end of a year from his departure from home, if he then feels this step would be desirable, and with the further understanding that he shall bear her expenses. Carried by unanimous vote.

Patriarch Jno. Smith asked the question as to whether there was any law or rule in the church forbidding cousins to intermarry. The answer was "no," and that the authorities at the temple do not go behind the certificates or licenses issued by the county clerks.

Apostle Clawson reported his recent visit to the Summit Stake Conference (last Sunday and Monday) and said that he found in that stake a spirit of improvement, growth, and progress. At the priesthood meeting on Saturday, when the brethren who kept the word of wisdom and paid tithing were asked to arise, all present—about 100—arose. He knew of no other stake, he said, that could stand such a test as this—and yet Summit Stake but recently stood at the foot of the class. Better still, Pres. Moses Taylor reported at that meeting that all the officers of the stake—about 400 in number—observed these laws of God. Apostle Clawson further reported that three wards adjacent to Kamas Ward, and belonging to the Wasatch Stake, namely, Woodland—217 souls, Francis—181, Bench Creek—109, total 507 souls, were attached to the Summit Stake. The particular reason for this change was the fact that quarterly conferences would now alternate between Kamas and Coalville, thus bringing to these people better opportunities for attending these important gatherings.

Apostle Woodruff reported his visit to the Jordan Stake, Nov. 3 and 4, when the organization of the stake presidency was completed and now stands: Hyrum Goff, president; Jas. Jensen, 1st counselor; and J. W. W. Fitzgerald, 2nd counselor. Apostle Reed Smoot reported the reorganization of the Moroni Ward, North San Pete Stake, with Orlando Bradley, bishop, and Jabez Fox, Jr., 1st counselor, and Jas. M. Christensen, 2nd counselor.

Apostle Jno. H. Smith reported the visit of himself and Apostle



Hyrum M. Smith to the Woodruff Stake Conference held at Randolph. Conditions there were favorable. The saints of Randolph are building a commodious meeting house and have already expended \$6000 bringing it to the square. It was decided by unanimous vote that [Robert Baxter] the father of stake president, Jno. M. Baxter, be ordained a patriarch, also Oliver Huntington.

Geo. Teasdale reported his visit to and attendance at the Fremont Stake Conference. While Thos. E. Bassett, who is now in charge, is doing a good work, the stake should be reorganized, he thought, without further delay.

Upon motion \$500 was appropriated to assist the saints of the Hunter Ward to complete their meeting house. The ward with a population of about 29 families has already spent in the neighborhood of \$3000, and in view of this the appropriation found ready endorsement.

It was decided that at the special conference of the church to be held Nov. 10th, 1901, the voting by the priesthood should be done in quorum capacity. It was also decided that all officers in the auxiliary associations, both in stakes and wards, could justly claim a blessing and should, therefore, be set apart to their various callings. Benediction by Pres. Anthon H. Lund.

#### **Thursday, 14 November 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: the First Presidency, and Apostles Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, and Jno. Smith, patriarch, with Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk; also H. M. Smith. Song, "Glorious Things Are Sung of Zion." Apostle Clawson was mouth in prayer, and Pres. A. H. Lund at the altar. Song, "God Moves in a Mysterious Way His Wonders to Perform."

Stake conference appointments: Granite, Apostle[s] Teasdale and Clawson; Nebo, Apostles Smoot and Cowley; visit to the southern stakes, Apostles Woodruff and Hyrum M. Smith.

The clerk read two interesting letters from Apostle Francis M. Lyman. Also a letter [was read] from Don C. Driggs, pres. Teton Stake, who said that Jno. D. Killpack, his counselor, had got into straitened circumstances through the purchase of a ranch. He was a very useful man but unless something was done for him he would



doubtless have to leave the stake. All he asked was a loan of \$500. I moved that the said amount be loaned to him. Carried.

A question arose as to the distribution of the 10% allowed bishops for the handling of tithes in the stakes of Zion, and it was decided by unanimous vote that the distribution be made by the presidency of each stake, associated with the bishops.

Pres. Smith directed attention to the necessity of taking some steps, looking to the revision and publication of the Book of Mormon in the Hawaiian language, and also suggested that the Book of Mormon be published in the Tahitian language as soon as someone was found who could do this work properly. The views of Pres. Smith were adopted by unanimous vote.

In accordance with Pres. Smith's wish as expressed at a former meeting, some names were submitted for officers in the two new stakes to be created out of the Salt Lake Stake, and after brief discussion the matter was referred to the First Presidency, with a list of the names, to report at the next meeting.

Pres. Smith spoke of the interest held by the trustee-in-trust in the Utah Light and Power Co., amounting in round numbers to \$215,000 in prior lien bonds, and \$745,000 in preferred stock, and also a number of consolidated bonds with a large block of common stock. The prior lien bonds are worth their face value but the other holdings could not be realized upon at present. The business, he said, is very risky, it being subject to serious loss by the elements and also to ruinous competition. It had already come to be a question as to the wisdom of selling out. He desired the brethren to give the matter attention that they might be prepared to act upon the same at our next meeting. Benediction by Apostle Jno. H. Smith.

### **Monday, 18 November 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 11 a.m. Having completed the statement of assets and liabilities of the church, showing the financial condition thereof at the beginning of Pres. Jos F. Smith's administration, and also showing incidentally what had been accomplished during Pres. Lorenzo Snow's incumbency in office during the past three years of his life, I submitted the same to the First Presidency, going carefully over every detail. Apostle Reed Smoot, the other member of the auditing committee, was at his home in Provo.

In order that the reader may have a clear idea of conditions that prevailed in Feb. 1899 (when the first report was made) and also the conditions that now prevail, I record below a recapitulation of each report:

RECAPITULATION OF REPORT DATED FEB. 18, 1899

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>ACTIVE</u>	<u>SILENT</u>
Cash on hand	2,400.00	
Real estate	815,050.00	616,866.78
Bank and mercantile stocks and bonds	974,437.50	204,200.00
Bills receivable and accounts	88,632.28	85,000.00
total	1,880,519.78	906,066.78
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	<u>DIRECT</u>	<u>CONTINGENT</u>
Church bonds, series A	499,200.00	
Church bonds, series B	164,100.00	
Bills payable, sundry notes	1,006,433.70	
Pioneer Elec. Power Co. int. on bonds	80,068.25	
<i>Deseret News</i> Co.'s note at Zion's S[avings] Bk.	48,089.43	
Saltair Beach Co.'s note, ch. endorsement		3,954.29
H. J. Grant et al., ch. endorsement		65,000.00
Pioneer Elec. Power Co. bonds guaranteed by the church		1,500,000.00
total	\$1,797,891.38	\$1,568,954.29
Excess of assets over liabilities	\$82,628.40	

RECAPITULATION OF REPORT DATED NOV. 1, 1901

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>ACTIVE</u>	<u>SILENT</u>
Cash on hand	92,101.62	
Real estate	928,700.00	601,267.66
Bank, railroad, and mercantile stocks and bonds	955,780.00	
Bills receivable and accounts	15,817.78	50,000.00
total	\$1,992,399.40	\$651,267.66

<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Church bonds	850,600.00
Bills payable, sundry notes	255,208.35
Due sundry persons	2,063.30
Liverpool office, acct. drafts	1,325.93
Jackson County Temple donation	1,410.00
	\$1,110,607.58
Excess of assets over liabilities	881,791.82
Total net reduction of contingent liabilities since Feb. 18, 1899	\$1,568,954.29

The following table is drawn from the two reports:

Total net excess of active assets Feb. 18, [18]99	82,628.40
Active assets, Feb. 18, 1899	1,880,519.78
Active assets, Nov. 1, 1901	1,992,399.40
Total net increase in active assets	111,879.62
Direct liabilities, Feb. 18, 1899	1,797,891.38
Direct liabilities, Nov. 1, 1901	1,110,607.58
Total net reduction in liabilities	687,283.80
Total net excess of active assets, Nov. 1, 1901	\$881,791.82

The report, which covered eleven sheets of extra large ledger paper, was listened to with rapt attention by the First Presidency, who were greatly surprised and gratified with the excellent showing made and marvelled at what had been accomplished in so short a time by Pres. Lorenzo Snow under the special blessing of the Lord: for it will be seen that the assets of the church had not only increased in value to the extent of \$111,879.62, but that the church indebtedness had been decreased \$687,283.80. In addition to this, it will also be seen that the contingent indebtedness of Feb. 18, 1899, amounting to \$1,568,954.29, had been entirely wiped out, while the net assets of the church jumped from \$82,628.40 in Feb.

1899 to \$881,791.82. And such was the glorious work accomplished by Pres. Lorenzo Snow and the saints under divine favor in the short period of three years. The reason I use the word saints is this: the saints listened to the voice of counsel in respect to the payment of their tithes and thus opened up the way, through the wise and prudent management of affairs, for substantial and permanent relief to the church.

The report of the auditing committee, as above set forth in totals, will be officially approved by the Presidency when Apostle Reed Smoot can be present, sometime during the week. It was moved that I be authorized to have a book bound at the *Deseret News* office, specially adapted for the recording of this and the previous statement of assets and liabilities and for other similar reports to be furnished annually. Carried by unanimous vote.

At this point I felt it my duty as chairman of the auditing committee to make a further report, and said that the books in the President's office were not up to date; that in proof of this, it needed only to be recited that the accounts had been kept open for many years, and no steps had been taken annually or semiannually, as is usually done, in order to obtain results and show the exact condition of affairs. I further represented that books when properly kept would always furnish the data for a statement of assets and liabilities, but in the present case, I could not rely upon the books of the trustee-in-trust, but was obliged to search through other channels for much valuable information. In view of the facts set forth, I recommended that the books be closed and a new set be opened with the opening of the year 1902 and that someone be appointed by the Presidency, other than those now in charge, to direct just how this shall be done and how the accounts shall be kept in the future, with the idea always in view that the books shall be closed annually.

Pres. Smith said that the recommendation was worthy of the most serious consideration and would be taken under advisement.

### **Tuesday, 19 November 1901**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cool. In order that the Presidency might have the facts before them, I have been working assiduously all day and into the night (to 11 p.m.) to obtain what would be the closing entries in the trustee-in-trust's books. My guide was the trial

balance taken Nov. 1, 1901. Taking all the accounts as scattered through the ledger showing enormous balances, I closed one into another and obtained the following results:

DEBITS

Expense acct.	5,612,281.85
Loss and gain	995,975.21
Resources:	
Nevada ranch acct.	50,000.00
Bonds acct.	176,000.00
Mdse. orders	343.00
Scrip orders	582.10
Capital stocks	155,780.00
Bills rec. sundry notes	13,121.20
<i>Deseret News</i> building acct.	238,567.62
Utah Sugar cap. stock	315,000.00
Real estate	49,307.23
Canada lands	35,142.63
Carrington lot acct.	6,000.00
Monroe ranch acct.	23,533.19
Inland Crystal Salt Co. cap. stock	19,000.00
Personal accts.	1,653.81
Mons Peterson's ranch	5,000.00
Z.C.M.I.	117.67
Cash	45,646.18
total	7,743,051.69

CREDITS

Revenue acct. (including and comprehending cash and produce tithing, dividends, rents, interest recd., &c.	6,635,998.96
Liabilities:	
Bills payable, sundry notes	257,638.35
Church bonds	844,414.72
Amt. due sundry persons	2,263.73
Jackson County Temple donation	1,410.00
Liverpool office, acct. drafts	1,325.93
	\$7,743,051.69

acct., and obtained as the final closing entries, the following results:

<u>DEBTS</u>	
<u>BALANCE ACCOUNT</u>	
Assets (as above)	\$1,134,794.63
<u>CREDITS</u>	
Liabilities (as above)	1,107,052.73
Surplus	27,741.90
total	\$1,134,794.63

It will be seen from the above showing, as set forth in the books of the trustee-in-trust, that if the assets were turned into cash and the liabilities paid off, the church would have a surplus of \$27,741.90, whereas the report furnished by the auditing committee shows that the assets of the church exceed the liabilities by \$881,791.82. The above statement will be submitted to the First Presidency at the earliest possible moment for their consideration, and I hope favorable action, looking to the closing up of the present books and the opening of a new set.

#### **Thursday, 21 November 1901**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cool. It is an exceptionally mild and dry fall, and the usual moisture at this time of year has not fallen.

11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Apostles Brigham Young (who is in feeble health), Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Jno. W. Taylor, Matthias F. Cowley, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Patriarch Jno. Smith, and Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "I Know That My Redeemer Lives." Apostle Young was mouth in prayer, and Apostle Taylor in the circle. Song, "Hark, the Song of Jubilee."

Conference appointments: Box Elder, Pres. Jos. F. Smith and Apostle Smoot; Benson, Apostle Jno. H. Smith and M. F. Cowley; Millard, Apostle Clawson. Apostle Teasdale reported that the resignation of Bp. [William H.] Warner of Nephi had been tendered and accepted and that the bishopric there should now be reorganized. He was authorized to attend to this matter, and upon motion of Apostle Smoot it was decided that Bp. Warner be ordained a patriarch.

The clerk read a letter from Apostle Taylor, Canada, dated Nov. 14th, reporting the organization of the Raymond Ward with Elder Wm. J. Knight as bishop. He also said that the saints were prospering in that part of the vineyard. The clerk read a letter from the presidency of the Alberta Stake, giving official notice of the organization of Raymond Ward. I moved the approval of Apostle Taylor's action. Carried.

A letter from Pres. Jas. Steele of Bingham Stake was read. He reported that Bp. Jas. Castle of Palisade Ward had been released and Elder Jacob Jacobson chosen to succeed him, subject to the approval of the council. The action of Pres. Steele was approved and the clerk instructed to write him that the new bishop would be set apart, or rather ordained, at the next quarterly conference at the Bingham Stake.

Apostle Jno. H. Smith suggested that inasmuch as Brother Jno. Smith, the patriarch, is now associated with us that he ought to take up a special labor with the patriarchs of the church and, as far as he could, to see that they were doing their duty and keeping a proper record of their blessings. Pres. Smith remarked that he wanted Brother Jno. Smith also to visit the stake conferences.

Apostle Reed Smoot called attention to a case where a certain brother in administering the ordinance of baptism did not stand in the water, contrary to the instructions given in the Book of Covenants, and asked if that mode of baptism had the sanction of the church. The answer was emphatically "no," and that it was not proper.

The clerk read a long letter from Brother Ammon Tenney, who is laboring among the Mexicans in Mexico. He reported good success, but said that the natives of that country were quite loose in their morals and were guilty, more or less, of the sin of adultery—a sin, owing to custom and tradition, that was looked upon as a light thing. He was seeking, he said, to impress them with the enormity of it. He needed five more elders. Benediction by Apostle Teasdale.

4 p.m. Reception given by stake counselor, Jas. R. Miller, at his palatial residence, Mill Creek, to the bishopric[s] of the wards of the Granite Stake and their wives. There were about 120 present. Among the number were the First Presidency, and Apostles Taylor, myself, and wives. It was an extremely sociable affair.

A hot supper was served at 4:30 p.m. and after supper the following program was carried out:

*Program*

Remarks, Pres. Jno. R. Winder. He said that it was 40 years since he came to reside in the Mill Creek Ward. Reuben Miller was bishop at that time. He looked upon him as a strong man. He left some faithful sons, and among them, Brother Jas. R. Miller. Spoke of his early experiences in Mill Creek. Was delighted with this occasion and thought it a grand thing to get the bishops together. Much good will result.

Remarks, Apostle Jno. W. Taylor. He said that he was pleased to be present and had reflected upon the many blessings we enjoy. We are in good health, have had an abundance of food, have the holy priesthood in our midst—prophets, seers, and revelators, and we have our wives sealed to us for eternity. Felt to bless Brother Miller and all present. Invoked the special blessing of the Lord upon Pres. Smith.

Remarks, Pres. A. H. Lund. He thought the bishops should follow the good example of Brother Miller in reference to the people of their wards and much good would result. Related several incidents illustrating the advantages arising from faithfulness.

Remarks, Pres. Jos. F. Smith. He expressed pleasure and satisfaction in being present and spoke in a very delightful strain upon the important subject of marriage and urged the bishops to see to it that the young people in their wards entered into these sacred relations. No man or woman could enter into a fullness of exaltation and glory outside of the marriage covenant. Spoke very strongly and forcibly upon the evil of indebtedness and counseled the bishops and counselors present who are financially involved to free themselves at the earliest possible moment from every such obligation. If you wish to get out of debt, pay your tithing. I prophesy that the man who will do this will be able to free himself sooner than he could otherwise do. When we again meet at Brother Miller's in this capacity, I trust that Pres. [Frank Y.] Taylor will be able to report that the table has been cleared from all indebtedness. There is no more important and responsible calling [in] the church than that of a bishop. The occasion was pronounced a great success, and after the serving of lemonade, the company dispersed.



**Wednesday, 27 November 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. At 10 a.m. I attended a meeting of the board of directors of the Utah [Light] and Power Co. and at 5 p.m. I attended a meeting of the general board of the Y.M.M.I.A.

During the afternoon I went to see an invention by Chas. Kraft. It consists of a telephone combination whereby a person using the phone deposits a nickel in the slot and receives two tickets, one, when presented with 20c, good for 25c worth of goods, and the other, when presented with 45c, good for 50 cts. worth of streetcar tickets: thus for every 75c [70c] expended, he would get in return free telephone service and 80c [75c] of value. It looks like a good thing.

**Thursday, 28 November 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild; very beautiful day. Thanksgiving day. I spent the day quietly at home and in the afternoon I took the folks out for a drive.

**Friday, 29 November 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and pleasant. 10 a.m. Special meeting at the President's office. President: the First Presidency, and Apostles Jno. H. Smith, Jno. W. Taylor, Matthias F. Cowley, and Rudger Clawson, and Robert Campbell, sec. Utah Light and Power Co.

Pres. Smith stated that the object of the meeting was to consider the wisdom and propriety of sealing the church's interest in the Utah Light and Power Co. There is a necessity, he said, of expending at once about \$500,000 to secure more water power with which to maintain the prestige of the business. Aside from this it is in some respects a hazardous and unsatisfactory enterprise.

R. S. Campbell, the secretary, made a brief statement explaining conditions, and said among other things that the co. is now up to the limit, and must have more power. The improvements needed would doubtless cost \$500,000, while the church on the other hand could probably get \$450,000 for its interest.

Pres. Jno. Winder and Apostle Taylor expressed themselves as being in favor of selling. Apostle Jno. H. Smith thought the matter worthy of the deepest consideration. After further discussion the

question was taken under advisement for one week, at which time it was thought that a larger number of the brethren would be in attendance.

### **Thursday, 5 December 1901**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and mild. 11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: the First Presidency, and Apostles Brigham Young, J. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Jno. W. Taylor, Marriner W. Merrill, Matthias F. Cowley, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, and Patriarch Jno. Smith, with Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "See How the Morning Sun." Prayer by Pres. Smith, and Apostle Merrill mouth in the circle. Song, "Glory to God on High."

Apostle Reed Smoot reported that Brother [James E.] Hall was stirring up considerable excitement in the Utah Stake in reference to the gift of healing, which he claimed he was able to exercise in a miraculous manner. In his (Brother Smoot's) judgment a spirit of darkness was actuating and influencing Brother Hall, and should be rebuked. Apostle Smoot was directed by the council to see the president of the Utah Stake and instruct him to investigate the matter and take such action as the facts will warrant.

Conference appointments: North San Pete, Apostles Teasdale and Smoot; Pocatello, Apostles Jno. H. Smith and Rudger Clawson. The clerk read a letter from Pres. Wm. A. Hyde of the Pocatello Stake, recommending the release of Bp. [Carl J.] Cannon of Pocatello on account of bodily infirmities and the reorganization of the bishopric there. He recommended Smith Woolley to succeed Bp. Cannon. The letter was referred to the visiting apostles with power to act.

A letter from Geo. Reynolds, sec. general church board of education, was read by the clerk. He notified the council of the action of the board of education, who recommended that the church be asked to appropriate \$75,950 for church school purposes for the school year 1901-1902 and that the charge of \$28,209 against the board of education on the books of the trustee-in-trust be cancelled by an appropriation. The recommendations were approved by unanimous vote.

The clerk read an interesting letter from Apostles Woodruff and Hyrum M. Smith, who are visiting some of the southern stakes. They reported the reorganization of several wards, as follows, to

wit: Parowan with Morgan Richards, Jr., as bishop; Kanarra with Jos. S. Berry, bishop; Cedar with Henry W. Lunt, bishop; Mesquite (new), Wm. E. Abbott, bishop; Overton with Jno. M. Bunker, bishop. They also gave a good report of the St. George Stake and recommended that further substantial assistance be given the presidency of that stake, as they would be required to give almost their entire time to church duties. The above changes were approved by unanimous vote, and the matter of compensation was referred to the First Presidency for favorable action.

A letter from Apostle Francis M. Lyman was read. He reported that the translation of the Book of Mormon in the German language, authorized by the Presidency, was in progress. He also called attention to the necessity of a new edition of the hymn book and asked for instructions. The matter was referred to the Presidency for action.

The clerk read a communication from Geo. Reynolds and Jas. E. Talmage, committee on museum building. The necessity of a new building or home for the Deseret Museum was pointed out, and they suggested that a piece of land suitable for such purpose be given them on block 88 (the tithing office block). It was moved that the matter be referred to a special committee to be appointed by Pres. Smith. Pres. Smith appointed A. H. Lund, J. H. Smith, and Geo. Reynolds as said committee.

Attention was called to the necessity at an early day of the reorganization of the presidency of the San Juan Stake. Pres. Smith felt that some of the apostles should go to that stake and carefully look over the ground before the appointment of a new president was made. The idea was concurred in.

Apostle Geo. Teasdale reported the reorganization of the bishopric of Nephi 1st Ward with David Pettigrew as bishop to succeed Bp. [William H.] Warner. Apostle Jno. H. Smith reported his visit to the Bear Lake Stake and said that Oliver H. Budge was sustained as stake supt. of Y.M.M.I.A. to succeed Jas. H. Hart. The change was made on account of some political differences existing between Pres. Wm. Budge and Elder Hart. He also reported the ordination of Jas. H. Hart and Jas. U. Stuki as patriarchs. Apostle Clawson reported the ordination of Jas. Fisher and August Beckstrand of Meadow as patriarchs at the last conference in the Millard Stake.

The clerk read a letter from Elder E. O. Bean, who had written a play entitled "Corianton," based upon Book of Mormon history. He desired the Presidency and Twelve and a select few as they might name to give a reading of the play at the Beehive House. This suggestion was not in harmony with the feelings of the brethren. They did not question his right and privilege to write a play, but felt that it should stand on its merits when placed upon the stage and should not come to the public hedged about by church influence.

Pres. Smith desired, he said, to bring before the meeting a very important question for consideration. It was no less than the selling of our interest in the Utah Light and Power Co. Our holdings there consist of 174 consolidated bonds, 215 prior lien bonds, 29,800 shares preferred stock, 20,512 shares common stock; total face value of bonds \$302,000; total face value of stocks \$1,258,200; grand total \$1,660,200.00. Notwithstanding these large figures, the present market value of our holdings is about \$215,000.00

Pres. Jno. R. Winder, director of the Utah Light and Power Co., also vice president and chairman of the executive committee, was called upon for his views. He said that the company had reached the end of the rope so far as power is concerned. They must have more power, and that would mean the expenditure of about \$500,000, of which the church would have to raise \$175,000. With this expenditure and all that the church had already expended, under the most favorable circumstances, the most the church could expect in return for a number of years to come would be \$31,000 a year. He thought that our holdings in the power co. would probably bring \$450,000. Taking as favorable a view as we might, it was ever a very risky business—subject always to serious losses by the elements and fierce competition, while electric light companies were invariably looked upon as robbers by their patrons. This because the light is measured out through a meter and the consumer never fails to question its accuracy. He was in favor, he said, of selling.

Apostle Clawson, director, coincided with the views expressed and said that if the trustee-in-trust could get \$450,000 for our interest, he was in favor of selling. He called attention to the fact that while under the most favorable circumstances (as explained

by Pres. Winder) we could only hope to get a revenue of \$31,000 a year, the interest on \$450,000, if we could get that amount by selling, would amount to \$27,000 at 6%, and said that he did not think the church could afford to take the risks and suffer from the anxiety attendant upon such enterprises for \$4000 a year, although on the other hand our control of the power co. gives the church business prestige. In view of all the facts, he was in favor of selling.

Apostle Smoot spoke to the question and expressed himself as strongly in favor of selling for the reasons already set forth. Apostle Jno. W. Taylor moved that we sell our holdings in the Utah Light and Power Co. at such figures as the Presidency may determine upon and as shall be satisfactory to them. Carried by unanimous vote. Benediction by Apostle Smoot.

### **Wednesday, 11 December 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cold. 3 p.m. Gathering in the Celestial Room of the Salt Lake Temple in honor of Pres. Jno. R. Winder upon the eightieth anniversary of his birth. Present: the First Presidency, myself, and a large number of the temple workers.

Pres. Jno. R. Winder said in response that he appreciated this manifestation of love and esteem on the part of his brethren and sisters and fellow-laborers. Felt that in the house of the Lord we were nearer heaven than in any other place. Spoke of obedience and said that in the kingdom of heaven we would be willing to answer every call. In the 50 years of his connection with the church, he did not remember a single instance where he failed to respond to the voice of the priesthood. Oct. 10, 1898, Pres. Lorenzo Snow and the apostles were at his house. The president said among other things that he (Brother Jno. R. Winder) would do a greater work in the future than he had ever done before and would be more greatly honored by his brethren and sisters.

Pres. Jos. F. Smith was the next speaker and said in substance, he was gratified and pleased that the temple workers had recognized the worth and faithfulness of Pres. Winder by giving him this surprise. He believed that he had secured the love and esteem of every worker in the temple. Felt that it was a great thing to say of any man that he had continually grown in the affection of his brethren and sisters. Because of his humility and faithfulness in part (perhaps there are also other reasons) he was chosen as one

of my counselors. In the selection of my counselors I thought over the matter night and day and prayed earnestly to the Lord. I asked him who his choice was, and over and over again the names of Jno. R. Winder and Anthon H. Lund came to my mind. I had thought of other brethren. Brother Rudger here was in my mind. I looked upon him as a martyr, who had faced death for the cause of truth unflinchingly and bravely. I also regarded him as a man of ability. He has my love and esteem. I loved this my young brother and felt to honor him. Pres. Snow had confidence in him and felt to honor him. I also felt to honor him and desired that he should be one of the three, but the Spirit of the Lord whispered that it should be otherwise. Spoke of the mission of Joseph Smith, the prophet, and said that he held the keys to the Celestial Kingdom and not a single soul of this dispensation could enter there without his permission or sanction. Referring to the judgment that would be pronounced upon the righteous, said that the atoning blood of Christ would remit their sins, which would be blotted out of the book of life and out of their minds and would no more come up in remembrance before them.

#### **Thursday, 12 December 1901**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cold. 11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: the First Presidency, and Apostles Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Jno. W. Taylor, Marriner W. Merrill, Matthias F. Cowley, Rudger Clawson, Jno. Smith, the patriarch, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire." Pat. Jno. Smith was mouth in prayer, and Pres. Jno. R. Winder in the circle. Song, "Praise to the Man."

Stake conference appointments: Morgan, the First Presidency and Apostle Clawson; Salt Lake Stake, Apostles Jno. H. Smith and Geo. Teasdale. The clerk read a letter from Elder D. T. Miller, who recommended the following brethren to act as a committee on the translation [publication] of the Book of Mormon in the Tahitian language: W[illiam] H. Chamberlin, David Neff, Mark [Frank] Cutler, and Eugene Cannon. The recommendation was adopted with the addition of the name of D. T. Miller.

A letter from Jas. Paxman of the Juab Stake was read. He said that the bishop of Levan, Brother N. P. Rasmussen, had sent in his resignation on account of failing health. He further said that Bp.

Rasmussen was a good man and had been a faithful bishop. The resignation was accepted and Apostle Teasdale appointed to effect a reorganization.

The clerk read a letter from ex-bishop Saml. F. Atwood of Kamas, in which he claimed that he had been misrepresented to Pres. Jos. F. Smith. One of the charges was that he had expressed disbelief in the visitation of the Father and Son to Joseph Smith, the prophet, and this, he said, was false. He denied the allegation. Pres. Smith remarked that he had been credibly informed that Bishop Atwood had made this remark, namely, that "God Almighty had bigger business to attend to than to visit the boy Joseph." However, the letter was referred to Pres. Moses Taylor of the Summit Stake for investigation and such proper action as may be necessary.

The clerk read a letter from Elder Jas. E. Hall. He claimed that his rights in the church were being abridged by the presidency of the Utah Stake, in so far as they refused him the privilege to go and administer to the sick when sent for. Several letters were read in which the parties testified to the great good that was being accomplished by Brother Hall in his administrations. The brethren in discussing this matter took the view that it was not so much the question of Brother Hall's administering to the sick as the holding of meetings and working up unnecessary excitement. The whole matter was referred to the Presidency of the Utah Stake with power to act.

I was then called upon as chairman of the auditing committee to report present condition of the church financially. I thereupon read the statement of assets and liabilities of the church, Nov. 1, 1901 (see pages 215 and 216 this book) [i.e., pp. 353-54] showing a surplus of assets over liabilities of \$881,791.29, and the statement of assets and liabilities at the Presiding Bishop's office, showing a surplus of \$99,438.85 (see pages 233-234 this book) [i.e., in Clawson diary, 5 December 1901]. The reading was listened to with great attention, and at the conclusion upon motion of Apostle Jno. H. Smith the reports were approved and ordered to be recorded in a book specially adapted for the purpose.

At this point I stated that the books of the trustee-in-trust at the President's office were not up to date and in proof of same submitted a report showing the status of the accounts Oct. 1, 1901,

had the books been closed at that time. The following results were shown: total assets \$1,134,794.63; total liabilities \$1,107,052.73; excess of assets over liabilities \$27,741.90. I further stated that if the books had been properly kept, they would have shown the following results: total assets \$1,992,399.40; total liabilities \$1,110,607.58; excess of assets over liabilities \$881,791.82. In view of the fact that the books were so inaccurate, I recommended that they be closed up at the end of the year and a new set opened.

It was moved that the recommendation be adopted and that the closing and opening entries be made under the direction of Apostle Clawson, chairman of the auditing committee, and that the methods employed in keeping the accounts be subject to the watch-care and approval of said chairman. Carried by unanimous vote. The details of report above referred to will be found on pages 218 and 219 of this book [i.e., pp. 356-57].

I also submitted a statement showing the indebtedness of the church, Oct. 1, 1898, and Nov. 1, 1901, covering the period of Pres. Lorenzo Snow's presidency, as follows in round numbers, to wit:

CHURCH INDEBTEDNESS, OCT. 1, 1898

Bills payable, notes outstanding	1,819,724.08
Pioneer Electric Power Co.	
int. guaranteed	190,000.00
Amt. due on acct. Sterling Mining Co.	118,288.12
Amt. due H. B. Claffin and Co.	40,000.00
Total indebtedness	
Oct. 1, 1901 [1898]	2,168,012.20

INDEBTEDNESS ACQUIRED BETWEEN THE PERIODS

OF OCT. 1, 1898, AND NOV. 1, 1901

Bills payable, notes	240,344.00	
Amt. due for cancellation		
of church guaranty on 1500		
(\$1000 ea.) Pioneer bonds	225,000.00	
Jackson Temple offerings	1,410.00	
Liabilities at P.B.O.	45,668.11	512,422.11

INDEBTEDNESS GUARANTEED BY THE CHURCH,

OCT. 1, 1898

H. J. Grant's note	65,000.00
1500 (1000 ea.) Pioneer Electric	



Power Company bonds	1,500,000.00
Total indebtedness	
to Nov. 1, 1901	\$2,680,434.31
Less amt. paid on church	
indebtedness to Nov. 1, 1901	1,524,158.62
Total church indebtedness	
Nov. 1, 1901	\$1,156,275.69

INDEBTEDNESS NOV. 1, 1901, DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS

Bills payable	255,208.35	
Church bonds	850,600.00	
Jackson Co. Temple off.	1,410.00	
Due sundry persons	2,063.30	
Liverpool office drafts	1,325.93	
Liabilities at P.B.O.	45,668.11	
total		\$1,156,275.69

TOTAL DIRECT AND CONTINGENT INDEBTEDNESS PAID TO

NOV. 1, 1901

Direct indebtedness	1,524,158.62
Contingent indebtedness	1,565,000.00
total	\$3,089,158.[62]

Note: as to the contingent indebtedness, H. J. Grant's note was paid by himself and the church guaranty for the payment of the 1500 (\$1000) Pioneer Electric Power Co. bonds was cancelled and returned upon payment by the trustee-in-trust of \$225,000 in cash and an agreement upon the part of the trustee-in-trust to pay \$5000.00 a year for ten years in the event of the failure of the Utah Light and Power Co. to pay interest (or dividends) on their preferred stock. Upon motion the foregoing report was approved with instructions that it be carried to the proper record. Benediction by Pres. Anthon H. Lund.

**Sunday, 15 December 1901**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and snowing. 7 a.m. Accompanying Presidents Jos. F. Smith and Anthon H. Lund, I left for Morgan City to attend the Morgan Stake Conference, arriving at 10 a.m. We were met at the depot by Stake Pres. Dan Heiner, who drove us at once to the stake tabernacle, which has just been completed and will be dedicated during the conference. The house presented

a chaste and beautiful appearance. The inside walls are papered with ingrain paper, and the building is seated with opera chairs. Ample arrangements have been made for the choir, and the stand for the authorities of the priesthood, with the pulpit, is neat and appropriate.

10 a.m. Meeting called to order by Stake Pres. Dan. Heiner. Apostle A. H. Lund. Topics treated. The performance of duty brings happiness. Worldly pleasures do not give real joy. Dwelt upon the subject of the gathering. Tithing.

Pres. Jos. F. Smith. Topics treated. Spoke in complimentary terms of the improvements made in completing the stake house. This is a house of the Lord and should be kept holy. A place should always be provided in this house for the children. Honesty. We might deceive our brethren but could not deceive the Lord. Tithing. The trial that came upon Abraham in being required to offer up his son to the Lord. Invoked the blessing of the Lord upon the saints. Word of wisdom.

#### **Thursday, 19 December 1901**

11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: the First Presidency, and Apostles Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Jno. W. Taylor, Mariner W. Merrill, Matthias F. Cowley, Rudger Clawson, Jno. Smith, patriarch, and Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "A Saint! And Is the Title Mine?" Apostle Teasdale was mouth in prayer, and Apostle Jno. H. Smith in the circle. Song, "Now, Let Us Rejoice in the Day of Salvation."

Stake conference appointments: Hyrum, Apostle Merrill; Davis, Rudger Clawson; Malad, Apostle Taylor. Bp. [Lehi] Wright of Marsh Center, Pocatello Stake, sent in a request through Apostle Cowley, desiring to be released that he might move to Oregon. Apostle Cowley stated that the presidency of Pocatello Stake were willing to grant him a release. In view of this fact, it was decided to release him.

The clerk read an interesting letter from Apostle H. J. Grant [in Japan], in which he mentioned in approving terms the division of the Salt Lake Stake. Pres. Smith remarked that Heber had written to a number of people (to himself for one) of the division of said stake. He regretted this inasmuch as the stake had not been divided, and was a matter still under advisement.

It was stated by Pres. Smith that Elder Spencer Clawson had sent in a request for the return, if agreeable to the Presidency, of the 300 shares capital stock of the Spencer Clawson Dry Goods Co.—\$30,000—held as collateral to secure his indebtedness to the church. It was explained that the stock has no present value. It was moved that the stock be returned. Carried by unanimous vote.

I drew attention to the fact that the council had already voted to divide the Salt Lake Stake [on] Jan. 1, 1902, and as the time was near at hand, the selection of presiding officers for the two new stakes should be made at once. Some of the brethren favored a postponement of the division for the present, namely, Apostle[s] Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, and Jno. W. Taylor, while Apostle Cowley and myself favored immediate action. It was finally decided to postpone. This action I very much regretted, as no doubt great good would result from the division. Benediction by Rudger Clawson.

#### **Sunday, 22 December 1901**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cool. 7 a.m. Left for Kaysville to attend the Davis Stake Conference, arriving at 8:45 a.m.

2 p.m. Continuation of conference, Coun. Jos. H. Grant presiding. Stake Coun[selor] Jos. S. Clark was the first speaker. Topics. High councillors called to labor among the non-tithe-payers. Record day. Work for the dead.

Rudger Clawson. Topics treated. True greatness only to be found in the gospel. Life and character of the Prophet Joseph Smith and the authority held; not a soul of this generation would pass into the Celestial Kingdom without his sanction.

#### **Monday, 23 December 1901**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and mild. 9:45 a.m. Left for Kaysville to attend the second day's conference, arriving at 10:20 a.m.

10:30 a.m. Meeting called to order by Coun[selor]. Jos. H. Grant. Apostle Jno. W. Taylor. Topics treated. The evil of hypnosis and spiritualism. Sons of perdition.

#### **Thursday, 26 December 1901**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cool. 11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: the First Presidency, and Apostles Jno. H. Smith, Matthias

F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, and Jno. Smith, the patriarch. Song, "Jesus Once of Humble Birth." Apostle Woodruff was mouth in prayer, and Apostle Cowley in the circle. Song, "God Moves in a Mysterious Way."

Conference appointments: Sevier, Apostles Cowley and Clawson. A letter from Pres. [William H.] Seegmiller of the Sevier Stake was read. He reported that there were two bishops to be ordained and expressed the hope that one or more of the apostles would be in attendance at the conference. The matter of ordaining the bishops was referred to the visiting apostles with power to act.

Pres. Jos. F. Smith informed the brethren that Pres. Brigham Young was at Fruitland sick. He was on his way to Mesa City, where he expected to spend the balance of the winter for his health. Pres. Smith further said that the condition of Brother Brigham was such that he ought to be near his brethren, where he could receive such attention as they could give. Upon motion Apostle Woodruff was delegated to go to Fruitland and bring him to Salt Lake, if his health would justify.

It was represented to the council that Brother Scipio A. Kenner, who is writing a short history of Utah, desired the Presidency to give the News a \$400 guaranty for the publication and accept a \$900 subscription list as security. Pres. Jno. R. Winder made a few remarks favoring the application. It was moved and carried that the guaranty be granted.

A letter from Chas. Kingston, counselor in the Woodruff Stake presidency, addressed to Apostle Jno. H. Smith, was read in relation to organizing some wards in the Woodruff Stake. The matter was referred to Apostle Smith with power to act.

Apostle Woodruff called attention to an appropriation made by Pres. Snow to the presidency of the Big Horn Stake, namely, \$600 for Pres. Byron Sessions, and \$300 for Bro. [Charles A.] Welsch, his counselor, for the year 1901. The matter, he said, through neglect had not been attended to. After some discussion it was decided upon suggestion of Pres. Smith that the compensation of the presidency of the Big Horn Stake be fixed at 600 per annum—\$300 for the president and 150 each for his counselors—with a special appropriation to make good the promise of President Snow.

It was moved that the minutes of our meetings be read for

approval and adoption at each succeeding meeting, a practice that has not prevailed hitherto. Carried. Upon motion of Apostle Clawson, the hour of the meeting was changed from 11 a.m. to 10 a.m. Benediction by Apostle Jno. H. Smith. At the conclusion of the meeting the apostles met and decided that their meetings, hitherto held from 10:30 to 11 a.m. be discontinued, as it was thought that the quarterly conference of the Twelve in connection with any special meetings that might be called would answer the purpose.

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**Wednesday, 1 January 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. I spent the day quietly at home, working a small portion of the time on the B[righam] C[ity] Roller Mill books. Accompanied by Lydia and the children, I spent the evening at mother's. Her children and grandchildren were all there except Stanley, who is in San Francisco. We had an excellent dinner, and the children were treated to a Punch and Judy Show, conducted by Fred, my brother.

**Thursday, 2 January 1902**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cool. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: the First Presidency, and Apostles Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Jno. W. Taylor, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, and Jno. Smith, the patriarch, [and George F. Gibbs, clerk].

A question having arisen in regard to ordaining elders, it was decided that in all cases their names should be submitted to the branches where they reside before ordination. Song, "Come Let Us Anew Our Journey Pursue." Apostle Hyrum M. Smith was mouth in prayer, and Apostle Clawson in the circle. Song, "O My Father."

The minutes of the meeting held Dec. 26, 1901, were read and approved. Stake conference appointments: Beaver, Apostles Woodruff and Clawson; Apostles Jno. H. Smith and Teasdale were appointed to attend a special conference in the Fremont Stake, called for the purpose of organizing the Fremont, Bingham, and Teton Stakes into a church school district. They were also duly authorized to reorganize the Fremont Stake presidency, if in their judgment it should be done at that time. Brother Thos. E. Bassett was mentioned favorably as a man who would make a good president. He was counselor to President [Thomas E.] Ricks.

Pres. Smith in referring to the Malad Stake said that he felt the presidency there was in great need of reorganization, in which view the brethren concurred. Elder Willard S. Hansen was mentioned by Apostle Jno. W. Taylor for the place. He was heartily endorsed by Pres. Winder, Jno. H. Smith, and myself. It was moved that the matter be laid over for the present. Carried.

Elder Gibbs read a letter from the clerk of the Bannock Stake, in which he said that bishops were needed for the Hatch Ward and the Mound Valley Ward, and named as the choice of the stake presidency, Elder Nels Hogan for Hatch and Elder Wm. W. Williams for Mound Valley. Recommendation adopted by unanimous vote.

The clerk read a letter from Thos. Hull, sec. Y.M.M.I.A. board, enclosing a report of committee of five, namely, Elders B. H. Roberts, Rudger Clawson, Nephi L. Morris, Brigham F. Grant, and Thos. Hull, who had been appointed by the Y.M.M.I.A. board to investigate the propriety and wisdom of erecting a monument to the memory of Joseph Smith, the prophet, the same to be dedicated on the centennial of his birth in 1905. The report was read, received with thanks, and laid on the table for further consideration. The committee suggested that either a statue or memorial building be adopted as the form of the memorial. If a memorial building, it should be located on the old Deseret News corner. An informal discussion took place regarding the matter. Remarks were made by Apostles Teasdale, Jno. H. Smith, Reed Smoot, and myself favoring a memorial building. Apostle Jno. H. Smith felt that such a building would eventually become the "Westminster Abbey" of the church. Apostle Clawson said that the report did not fully cover the views of the committee in respect to a memorial

building. They thought that said building should be provided with a rotunda where a statue of the prophet in marble might be placed and that the building should be used for office purposes by the First Presidency, the Twelve, the Seven Presidents of Seventies, and the Presiding Bishopric, with an apartment set apart for a library.

Pres. Smith spoke at some length and very interestingly upon the subject. He favored a memorial building and thought it should be provided with a rotunda for the placing of a statue of the prophet, or perhaps the "martyrs"; niches should also be provided for statues of the presidents of the church, also paintings of our leading men; the building should also be used for the following purposes: offices for the First Presidency, the Twelve, Seven Presidents of Seventies, and the Presiding Bishopric; the Deseret Museum; the Historian's office; and a church library. He felt, he said, that the church should furnish means, and not the people. The views expressed by President Smith were heartily endorsed by the council.

Apostle Clawson felt that immediate steps should be taken to secure the plans for the building, that the brethren might have plenty of time to look them over with the most careful thoughtfulness and that when they were needed there should be no delay. Apostle Smoot thought an extra special effort should be made to have the building ready for the centennial of the prophet's birth in 1905. It was ascertained as the best judgment of some of the brethren present, that the erection of said building would require two years.

It was decided that an effort be made to place the *Church Chronology* in the hands of the saints. The sale of this useful book had been checked by some unfavorable remarks made by the late Pres. Geo. Q. Cannon at one of the general priesthood meetings.

Apostle Clawson desired an expression of the brethren in regard to a case that had come to his attention. A young man—a member of the church—had sought the hand of one of the daughters of Zion in marriage. She desired to be sealed in the temple. It was ascertained, however, that his mother was tainted with negro blood—she being one-fourth negro—while his father was the son of a prominent family in Israel. Would that be a bar to his entrance to the house of the Lord? It was decided that he



could not have the blessings of the house of God.

Apostles Taylor, Woodruff, and Jno. H. Smith all reported that in some cases high council and bishop[']s court decisions were disregarded. Pres. Smith said that this matter would receive the attention of the First Presidency in a circular letter or epistle to the saints.

Minutes of the council meeting of Oct. 17, 1901, were read and approved. It was decided that the sacrament meetings of the First Presidency and Twelve, held quarterly, should be continued.

Apostle Clawson reported his visit to the Sevier Stake and the following changes and ordinations: Jacob Godfreyson, set apart to preside as bishop over the Vermillion Ward; Saml. W. Gould, ordained and called to preside over the Monroe Ward, with August W. Bowman as 1st and Geo. A. Smith as 2nd counselors. Benediction by Pres. Jos. F. Smith.

#### **Saturday, 4 January 1902**

Milford, Utah. Clear and cold. 6 a.m. Left by team for Beaver (32 miles distant), arriving at 10 a.m. It was a cold ride.

6 p.m. Meeting of the [Beaver Stake] high council in the high council chamber, Pres. C[harles] D. White presiding. The brethren were questioned as to their faith and as to how they stood on the word of wisdom, tithing, and family prayer, and other duties. The responses were generally quite satisfactory.

Brother Wilson G. Nowers, who is and has been a faithful man, was released on account of defective hearing, with the love and blessings of his brethren. Brother Rollin R. Tanner was released as a member of the council by unanimous vote because of neglect of duty in attending council meetings, payment of tithes (he had paid nothing in 1901 and only 12 dollars in 1900) and other duties. He was present and in being questioned did not manifest a spirit of the gospel, but brought accusations against the president of the stake and council. At this point (7:30 p.m.) I was requested by Apostle Woodruff to go to the priesthood meeting that had been called for 7 p.m. and they would come later.

7:45 p.m. I came into the priesthood meeting a little late, and Elder Reinhard Maeser was talking. I followed him. Topics treated. Gave some reasons why the sisters (and there were a number present) were interested in priesthood meetings. Marriage. Work

for the dead. Dwelt upon the authority of the priesthood.

Apostle Woodruff. Topics treated. Bishops to exercise care in giving recommends to the temple. Decisions of church courts should be enforced. Stake presidency and bishopric[s] of wards to meet once a week.

### **Sunday, 5 January 1902**

Beaver, Utah. Clear and mild. 10 a.m. Continuation of conference, Pres. White presiding.

Apostle Woodruff. Topics treated. Expressed the pleasure he had felt in listening to the reports. The branch school of the B. Y. Academy of Provo at Beaver and the advantages of church school training.

R. Clawson. Topics treated. Read Sec. 71, D.&C., and commented on same and endeavored to impress upon the minds of the saints the importance of honoring the priesthood and listening to the voice of counsel. Seymour B. Young. Topics treated. The multiplied blessings of the Lord daily bestowed upon the saints.

High councillors and bishops of wards were instructed to take their proper places in the afternoon, as also the sisters were requested to sit without their hats. 7:30 p.m. Conjoint meeting of the young people, Chas. Wolfenton presiding.

Apostle Woodruff. Topics treated. The birth of the spirit. We know that we are born again but don't know just how it is done. Home life and the influences of a good wife.

R. Clawson. Topics treated. The blessing of being wellborn and how the young men of Zion should appreciate it. Related an instance where a young man was barred the privilege and blessing of the house of the Lord because he was tainted with the blood of Cain—his mother was one-fourth negro. He could not bridge the gulf and get into the house of God.

S. B. Young. Topics treated. True greatness. Fulfillment of the prophecies of Joseph Smith in relation to Stephen A. Douglas and the war of the rebellion.

### **Tuesday, 7 January 1902**

Salt Lake City. Foggy and cold. 2 p.m. Quarterly conference of the Twelve. Present: Apostles Jno. H. Smith, Jno. W. Taylor, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, and Hyrum

M. Smith. Song, "For the Strength of the Hills, We Bless Thee." Apostle Jno. H. Smith was mouth in prayer. Song, "Glory to God on High."

Apostle Jno. H. Smith was the first speaker. Topics treated. Advantages of these meetings. Regretted the absence of our president on account of ill health. Alluded to the passing away of the older brethren of the general authorities and as a consequence, the active labors of the work falling on younger shoulders. These brethren have taken their priesthood with them but left the keys of power and authority to others. Spoke of the blessing of being wellborn, and remarked that all the members of the quorum of Apostles of today were born in the church but Apostles Teasdale and Merrill. Expected to see a great work performed under the administration of Pres. Jos. F. Smith. The cause of Zion, he thought, would take a more spiritual character than it had done during the tribulations and drivings at the hand of our enemies. Looked for a wide extension in the preaching of the gospel. Spoke in reference to the principle of plural marriage, saying that under that principle men learned the true order of government and obtained invaluable experience; the fathers of all the apostles present had made a fairly good record in the practice of polygamy; a majority of the quorum were the sons of plural wives, namely, Jno. H. Smith, Heber J. Grant, Jno. W. Taylor, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, and Hyrum M. Smith; it has been predicted that the posterity of the wicked should wither and die while the issue of plural marriage should be honored and blessed of the Lord, and I feel that in the quorum of the Twelve is found evidence of the fulfillment of said prediction.

Reed Smoot. Topics treated. Spoke of the mission to Japan and said that without the Spirit of the Lord nothing would be accomplished there. He was impressed with the utterances of Pres. Snow at the Beehive House reception, when he said he did not know that a single soul would be converted in Japan, but this he did know that Brother Grant and companions would be doing their duty in taking said mission; he (Bro. Smoot) felt, however, that the brethren would meet with a limited success. Spoke of missionary work in general, and how he had felt to bless a young brother this morning on the train, who was leaving an apostate father and mother to go and preach the gospel. Referring to the

principle of plural marriage, spoke of the success of his father in its practice, which was due in part to the character of his wives, for they were good women; this order of marriage, if universally practiced, would save the world much sorrow and distress; looked for its restoration. The evil of debt, and felt that the apostles ought to lift a voice of warning against it. Improvement in tithing among the saints.

Apostle Jno. W. Taylor. Topics treated. Had been impressed with the success of Pres. Smith in his family and home life, and desired to emulate his example. Referred to the growth of secret societies in our midst. Mothers' clubs were being encouraged to the hurt of the Relief Societies. The secret orders for young men and women caused him considerable alarm; "such things are an abomination in the sight of God." He sometimes felt that it would be proper for the church to issue a manifesto against secret societies—the Catholic church, seeing the danger in them, has done so. Spoke of the great need of an early reorganization of the Malad Stake presidency. Proclaimed against the evil arising from brethren going to law one with another and quoted some passages of scripture bearing on the point. Apostle Smoot said that Springville was honeycombed with secret societies.

Apostle Clawson said that he felt that in selecting sisters for officers of importance in the church, they should be interrogated as to their views and feelings, as were the brethren, for some who have been chosen, it seems, have no faith whatever in the principle of plural marriage, and even talk against it.

Apostles Teasdale and Cowley came in just before Apostle Taylor arose to speak. They had been assisting to set apart some missionaries.

Minutes read and approved. Song, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow." Benediction by Apostle Teasdale, and the meeting adjourned until 10:30 a.m. tomorrow.

### **Wednesday, 8 January 1902**

Salt Lake City. Foggy and cool; regular London weather. 11:30 a.m. Apostle M. W. Merrill was speaking when I came in from a meeting of the board of directors of the Utah Light and Power Co. (Apostle Teasdale had spoken.) Had been speaking of tithes and offerings. Said he was not in favor, as a rule, in

going to the saints for donations. Some people, when crowded in this way, made a deduction from their tithing. Within recent years \$20,000 had been solicited from the people of Cache Valley to build an addition to the B. Y. College, Logan, and there is still some eleven or twelve thousand dollars due and unpaid, and it is difficult to reach. He thought that a good way to get in large donations would be to encourage the saints to pay individually a small amount each month with regularity and precision—"Little drops of water constantly falling wear away the stone." Spoke of the evil of going to law as between members of the church and said that some of the brethren were trying to force him into the courts over a water difficulty; he was trying to avert trouble in this way; didn't think the brethren ought to go to law; the gentiles used to be willing to submit their grievances to the church courts. Recess taken until 2 p.m.

2 p.m. Continuation of conference. Apostle Cowley was the first speaker. Topics treated. Dwelt upon the moral conditions among our young people. The spirit actuating them seems in a great measure to be antagonistic to the gospel. Feared that the influence of the district school was hurtful to our children. Spoke against secret combinations; referred to a young man, member of a secret benefit society, who had it in for Brother [Brigham H.] Roberts, because he had spoken in condemnatory terms of secret orders. Brother Cowley thought we ought to use our utmost influence against them. Spoke of Freemasonry as being a counterfeit of the true masonry of the Latter-day Saints. Said he thought great care ought to be exercised in calling men to positions in the priesthood, being sure in every case that they accept fully in their hearts all the principles of the gospel. Felt pleased that for the present elders going on missions were not ordained seventies. Speaking of the tendency among our people to go to law, he did not think a case should be kept out of the high council unless it could be adjudicated to the satisfaction of all parties concerned; sometimes forced compromises are effected to the injury of those who are in the right. Felt interested in the preaching of the gospel to the Lamanites and thought it would be well for our young men to study the Spanish language with a view of carrying the gospel to them.

of his brethren and felt grateful to the Lord for all blessings. Desired a spirit of willingness to go forth and preach the gospel, when called, or to labor in the stakes of Zion. Felt that the Lord is watching over his church. Took breakfast with Senator [Thomas] Kearns the other day, who said that if the proposed constitutional amendment were loaded down with other features, such as fornication and adultery, as contemplated by him, it would never get through the committee room. Referred briefly to the colonization of the Big Horn country and said that the people there had been greatly blessed of the Lord, through railroad contracts taken. Steps should be taken to furnish employment to newcomers in our midst.

Apostle Clawson. Topics treated. Rejoiced in his testimony of the gospel and in the priesthood and apostleship. Felt that all the meetings thus far had been intensely interesting and instructive; every word spoken was timely and appropriate and like a costly jewel set in a crown. Was in strict harmony with the sentiments expressed. Felt that some plan should be instituted looking to improved conditions in the quorums of the priesthood. We are not in such perfect and absolute touch with them as are the authorities with the M[utual] I[mprovement] Associations—they work to a definite plan; we do not, except in the case of the Seven Presidents of Seventies. While he rejoiced in the good work being accomplished by the Mutual Improvement organizations, he did not feel that they should be fostered to the hurt and neglect of the priesthood. One often hears of special meetings, conferences, and conventions of our auxiliary associations, but seldom of a conference of the high priests or elders or lesser priesthood in any of the stakes of Zion. He conceded the point that the obligation to look after these matters rested upon presidents of stakes, but they were not doing it—at least in many instances. There was no uniformity of action; some plan should be adopted that would bring about better results.

[Apostle Clawson] Said that he was now busily engaged in making preparations to close the books of the trustee-in-trust [as of] Dec. 31, 1901, and to open a new set for Jan. 1, 1902, which would involve a good deal of labor. Spoke of conditions that existed some three years ago when the First Presidency were totally unacquainted with the financial status of the church

through lack of correct and full reports. He had sought to supply this want and had been enabled through the blessing of the Lord not only to put Pres. Snow and President Smith with their counselors in absolute touch with financial conditions but also the quorum of apostles. In speaking of this matter the other day to the Presidency, he gave a simple example to show the present deplorable condition of the books of the trustee-in-trust, about as follows: suppose, said he, that President Smith as president of Z.C.M.I. should instruct Thos. G. Webber, supt., and A. W. Carlson, sec., to close the books of the institution and report at the next meeting, and suppose further that they had carried out the wish so expressed, and in submitting their report casually observed that the books were out over \$800,000, or, in other words, showed a deficit in assets to that amount. Would there not be consternation among the stockholders and directory, if not a panic? He further remarked that it is just as necessary for the church to have its books in correct form as Z.C.M.I. or, in fact, any mercantile house or business concern, and yet the trustee-in-trust's books today show a shortage in assets to the extent of \$882,000. Alluded to some remarks that had been made and rejoiced that he, like his brethren, had been wellborn and was deeply impressed by the fact that the brother who had been born into the world through a pure parentage, by marrying a woman who was tainted with the blood of Cain, brought a curse upon his posterity in shutting them out from the blessings of the house of God.

Hyrum M. Smith. Topics treated. Felt that his selection as an apostle might properly be taken as a compliment to his father, or perhaps to his grandfather, and was not due to any worthiness in himself. He desired the spirit of discernment and faith that he might have wisdom in choosing brethren and sisters for office and in healing the sick. Referred to secret orders and said that a large number of the employees of Z.C.M.I. belonged to that class of organizations. Spoke of the lack of interest and faithfulness in the quorums of the priesthood. He differed a little, he said, with Brother Teasdale, who in speaking of Brother Grant and his companions, said they ought not to separate as they might be killed. Well, what if they were killed, they would not be the first and doubtless would not be the last; we lack faith—at least he did.

Minutes were read and approved. Benediction by Apostle Teasdale.

### **Thursday, 9 January 1902**

Salt Lake City. Foggy and cold. 9 a.m. Continuation of conference. Present: Apostles Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Marriner W. Merrill, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, and Hyrum M. Smith. Song, "See How the Morning Sun Pursues Its Shining Way." Prayer by Apostle Clawson. Song, "Redeemer of Israel." It was moved that after adjournment today we meet again in quarterly conference, April 1, 1902, at 10 a.m. Carried.

Apostle Jno. H. Smith spoke. Topics treated. Dwelt upon the subject of punctuality and suggested that whoever came in first to the meetings, if he be the only one present, should open at the time appointed. We should cultivate the spirit of promptness in opening our meetings at stake conferences and at other times. Referred to the evil of our people going to law one with another, but realized that some cases could not well be settled in the church tribunals. Many of the church courts had become so dilatory in enforcing their decisions that they were actually coming into contempt with the saints; alluded to some cases confirmatory of this statement. The apostles should instruct high councils and bishops in their duties regarding these things. Every decision should be clear and definite both as to purpose and time of enforcement. Regretted that in many cases which were settled by compromise, the aggrieved parties were wronged. Alluded to the remark of Apostle Hyrum M. Smith that he saw no reason why Apostle Grant and companions should not separate and gave it as his opinion that as a rule the elders should travel two and two.

Apostle Cowley, who had been excused to attend a funeral, and Apostle Taylor came in late. Minutes read and approved. Song, "May the Grace of Christ Our Savior." Benediction.

It was decided by a formal vote of the brethren that the special weekly meetings of the Twelve, held just previous to the council meeting, be discontinued. An informal discussion concerning secret societies was indulged in. Apostle Jno. H. Smith reminded the brethren that the accepted rule of the church is that those connected with secret orders shall not be promoted in the priesthood or recommended to the temple.



11 a.m. The First Presidency came in. Song, "Though Deepening Trials Throng the Way." Apostle Smoot was mouth in prayer, and Apostle and Pres. Lund in the circle. Song, "Now Let Us Rejoice in the Day of Salvation."

Minutes of Oct. 24, 1901, read and approved. Minutes also of Jan. 2, 1902, read and approved.

The clerk read a letter from Pres. Brigham Young, in which he recommended the name of Wm. Hall for president of the San Juan Stake. Recommend[ation] adopted. Pres. Young is a little improved in health.

The president [Lewis W. Shurtliff] of the Weber Stake recommended Adam A. Bingham as bishop of Riverdale to succeed his father [Sanford Bingham]. Recommendation approved. Upon motion of Apostle Woodruff the action of sometime ago to divide the Emery Stake was rescinded for the reason that the division would seriously interfere with the prosperity of the church schools in that stake.

Apostle Smoot raised the question as to whether it would be proper for children under eight years, or unbaptized children, to receive their patriarchal blessings. It was decided that this matter should be left to the discretion of the patriarchs.

Apostle Jno. W. Taylor asked if it would be proper for the patriarchs to take a priest or teacher with them and go into the homes of the saints for the purpose of preaching and expounding the gospel. Pres. Smith explained that a high priest or patriarch could so act under a call from the bishop of the ward. In calling young men of the M.I.A. to perform duties in the church, the quorums of the priesthood should not be overlooked, but we ought rather to work along these lines.

Apostle Clawson reported the visit of Apostle Woodruff and himself to the Beaver Stake, where they attended the quarterly conference. The following changes were effected, to wit: Wilson G. Nowers was honorably released from the high council on account of defective hearing; Rollin R. Tanner was released from the high council on account of general neglect of duty; three vacancies in the high council were filled, as follows: Jno. M. Murdock, Reinhard Maeser, and Jas. E. Tanner; F. D. Farnsworth was ordained pres. of the high priest quorum, and Wm. Burt, pres. of the elders quorum; Reuben Dotson was ordained bishop of

Minersville to succeed Geo. Eyre, resigned on account of ill health, with Geo. Marshall for 1st counselor and Wm. C. Bowman for 2nd counselor. Reported that the case of Catherine Nowers versus Jas. H. Skinner, et al., was amicably settled and dismissed and that the brethren generously agreed to make good the loss of the plaintiff as follows, to wit: M. L. Shepherd, 10 head of sheep, and Jas. H. Skinner, et al., 11 head. The report was adopted by unanimous vote.

At this point the tables were prepared and the brethren sat down to the sacrament, which was thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed. Apostle Jno. H. Smith blessed the bread and wine. Pres. Anthon H. Lund offered the benediction.

### **Sunday, 12 January 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 2 p.m. Meeting at the tabernacle, Pres. Angus M. Cannon presiding. I was the speaker and read Sec. 46, D.&C., and commented on the office and calling of the Holy Ghost.

6:30 p.m. Attended the sacrament meeting in the 18th Ward chapel, Bp. [Orson F.] Whitney presiding. I spoke in complimentary terms of the improvements made in the chapel and also referred to the propriety of the sisters sitting [with heads] uncovered in meeting.

### **Wednesday, 15 January 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cold. At 10 a.m. attended a meeting of the First Presidency and Twelve at the temple. The First Presidency and seven of the quorum were present.

Pres. Smith stated that the object of the meeting was to take into consideration the question as to whom we would favor as next United States senator from Utah—whether a member of the quorum of apostles, a member of the church, or a gentile. All the brethren of the Twelve expressed themselves, and it seemed to be the feeling of the majority of those present that none of the apostles could be spared from the ministry, but at the same time the next senator should be a member of the church, as the gentiles had already had a full share of representation in congress.

It was moved that so far as this matter concerned the brethren, the nomination be left to the First Presidency. Carried.

### Thursday, 16 January 1902

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cool. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: the First Presidency, and Apostles Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Jno. W. Taylor, Marriner W. Merrill, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, and Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "Think Not When Ye Gather to Zion." Apostle Jno. W. Taylor was mouth in prayer, and Pres. Smith in the circle. Song, "For the Strength of the Hills, We Bless Thee."

Corrected minutes of Jan. 2, and minutes of Jan. 9, 1902, and of Oct. 31, 1901, were read and approved. Conference appointments: Big Horn, Apostle Woodruff; San Luis, Apostle Cowley; Weber, First Presidency and Apostles Jno. H. Smith and Clawson.

Apostle Merrill said he was pleased that Apostle Woodruff had been appointed to visit the Big Horn Stake at this time, as there were matters arising there in relation to colonization that needed attention. He further remarked that the Big Horn is a good country for our people.

Apostle Clawson said he felt that sisters who were called to positions in the church should be carefully questioned as to their views and feelings toward the principles which we espouse, as there is danger in calling some to office who have no faith in plural marriage. The brethren were instructed to do this and also have presidents of stakes adopt the same rule.

The clerk read a letter from Brother D. T. Miller, committee in charge of the publication of the Book of Mormon in the Tahitian language. He had sought and received bids for the printing of the work, as follows:

#### Magazine Printing Co.:

1000 copies,	1535
2000 copies,	1900
5000 copies,	3050

#### *Deseret News Co.:*

1000 copies,	1650
2000 copies,	2050
5000 copies,	3250

Apostle Jno. H. Smith said that he felt that this and other similar works and, in fact, all church literature ought to be published at home, but in his opinion the *Deseret News Co.* is high in

price. Apostle Clawson took the same view and said that in getting a blank record at the News office for use of the trust-in-trust, they fixed the price at \$15.00, and yet as good a book could have been purchased at Z.C.M.I. for about \$5.00, and this led him to the thought that the *News* co., which is a church business, is disposed to take advantage of the church itself. Apostles Jno. H. Smith and Clawson were appointed a committee to confer with the manager of the *News* co. concerning the publication of the work above referred to, with authority to act.

A letter from Pres. Geo. C. Parkinson was read [by] the clerk. He suggested the propriety of dividing the Preston Ward into four wards and submitted the names of four brethren for bishops. The population of said ward is about 1400 souls, and it was thought by some of the brethren to be too small for four wards but might make two. The matter was referred to Apostle Merrill to investigate.

Apostle Teasdale reported that he had installed Jas. Taylor as bishop of Levan. Apostle Teasdale made verbal application for appropriation of \$400 to pay off indebtedness on the meeting house of 1st Ward, Nephi. Matter referred to the Presidency for their consideration.

Apostle Jno. W. Taylor reported the visit of himself and Hyrum M. Smith to the Emery Stake. While there, the bishopric of Castle Dale was reorganized with Jno. Y. Jensen, bishop, and Wellington, with Eugene Branch as bishop.

A long letter from Apostle Grant addressed to the Presidency was read by the clerk. He felt that Japan would yet become a good field for missionary work and thought some young elders should be sent there to study the language. Pres. Smith and the brethren did not think the time had arrived for sending more elders to Japan. It would be time enough to consider that question after a branch of the church had been organized. Benediction by Apostle Merrill.

### **Monday, 20 January 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. I devoted a portion of the day working on my annual church financial statement. Also got out a form for a payroll to be used by the trustee-in-trust in the President's office. It will be bound in book form. The purpose of having

a monthly payroll is to obviate the necessity of carrying a large number of personal accounts on the ledger. Of these there are now about 55, and with the payroll there will be about 10 general appropriation and salary accounts, such as the app'n. First Presidency acct., the app'n. Twelve Apostles acct., the app'n. First Seven Presidents acct., the salary acct. President's office, the salary acct. Historian's office, salary acct. attorney fees, &c. It is thought this will be a great improvement on old methods.

#### Thursday, 23 January 1902

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cool. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: the First Presidency, and Apostles Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Jno. W. Taylor, Matthias F. Cowley, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, and Hyrum M. Smith. Song, "See How the Morning Sun." Apostle Matthias Cowley was mouth in prayer, and Apostle Rudger Clawson in the circle. [Song,] "O Saints, Have You Seen o'er Yon Mountain High."

Minutes of Jan. 16 were read and approved; also, minutes of Nov. 7, 1901. Stake conference appointments: Alpine, Apostle Clawson; Bannock, Apostle Cowley; Juab, Reed Smoot and Apostle Hyrum M. Smith; Fremont, Apostles Jno. H. Smith and Teasdale; Cache, Jno. W. Taylor.

The clerk read a letter from Bp. Geo. R. Hill, in which he expressed a desire to have Apostle Cowley come and preach to the saints of the Springville 3rd Ward, Sunday evening, Jan. 26. Request granted, but the meeting postponed for one week to the first Sunday in Feb.

Letter from Martin Slack, sec. Hurricane Canal Co., Virgin City. Stated that the said company were building a canal to reach and irrigate some 2000 acres of fine land 4 miles from Virgin City; that they had already expended about \$45,000 on said project and it would require \$15,000 more, and they now, therefore, asked for a church appropriation of \$5,000 to assist in its completion. In view of the good faith and perseverance shown by the people in Virgin City and vicinity in carrying on an enterprise of such magnitude, Apostle Clawson said he favored the appropriation. Apostle Smoot moved that the church subscribe \$5000 in the stock of the Hurricane Canal Co. to be paid as needed by the First Presidency.

Apostle Clawson reported his attendance at a meeting in the 6th Ward last Sunday evening, when the ward was divided and the new ward called the 25th Ward of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion. Carl A. Eck was sustained as bishop with Wm. H. Tolman as 1st and Oliver Pearson as 2nd counselors.

Apostle Jno. H. Smith reported the attendance of the Presidency, Hyrum M. Smith, and himself at the Weber Stake Conference. The meetings were well attended and a good spirit prevailed. Sanford Bingham was ordained a patriarch, and Anthum A. Ranthum [Adam A. Bingham] was ordained a bishop and set apart to preside over the Riverdale Ward. While there, he visited and administered to Elder Jas. L. McMurrin, who is suffering with cancer, and believed he was on the road to recovery. Benediction by Apostle Hyrum M. Smith.

#### **Thursday, 30 January 1902**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cold. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: the First Presidency, and Apostles Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Jno. W. Taylor, Marriner W. Merrill, Matthias F. Cowley, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, and Hyrum M. Smith. Song, "Our God, We Raise to Thee." Prayer by Apostle Merrill, and Apostle Teasdale mouth in the circle. Song, "This Earth Shall Be a Blessed Place."

Minutes of meeting held Jan. 3rd, 1902, were read and approved; also minutes of Nov. 21 and Dec. 12, 1901, were read and approved. The clerk read a letter from Pres. Brigham Young, who reported that he had arrived at Mesa but was suffering from a severe cold. Said that he desired to overhaul the affairs of the stake, so far as may be necessary, and would report progress.

Pres. Jas. W. Paxman reported by letter the visit of Apostle Smoot, who came to attend their conference and also look into the matter of the building of the Mammoth reservoir. A meeting was held to consider the latter question, and it was resolved by unanimous vote that "we unite in building the reservoir." Said that Apostle Smoot's visit had accomplished a great deal of good and hoped that he would be appointed to visit Fairview, Mona, San Pete County, and other places to encourage the people to lend their aid and strength to the enterprise. Apostle Smoot was appointed to visit said places.

Apostle Jno. H. Smith reported the visit of Geo. Teasdale and himself to the Fremont Stake, where they attended conference. The stake was reorganized with Thos. E. Bassett as president and Jas. W. Webster, 1st counselor, and Chas. H. Woodmansee, 2nd counselor; Jos. B. Lloyd was set apart as a high councillor; three brethren were ordained patriarchs. Fremont, Bingham, and Teton Stakes were organized into a church school district. Some \$6000.00 had already been expended in the erection of a stake academy in Rexburg.

Apostle Clawson reported his attendance at the Alpine Stake Conference held at American Fork. As a result of the division of the latter place into four wards, the presidency of the stake and bishops reported a marked improvement in all directions.

Apostle Merrill reported his visit to Preston last Sunday and said that Pres. [George C.] Parkinson was very anxious to divide that ward into four wards. The matter was deferred, however, until the council might have an opportunity to act upon it.

Apostle Cowley reported the Bannock Stake Conference. Bro. Wm. W. Williams was ordained bishop of Mound Valley Ward. The presidency of the stake had visited every family under their jurisdiction with good results. He was in favor, he said, of dividing Preston into four wards.

Apostle Smoot reported the visit of Hyrum M. Smith and himself to Nephi, where the Juab Stake Conference was held. Apostles Merrill and Clawson were appointed to attend the Oneida Stake Conference next Sunday and Monday and, while there, to act with reference to the division of the Preston Ward as the Spirit might suggest. By unanimous action of the council, Elder Geo. D. Pyper was appointed as an agent of the church to take whatever steps would be necessary to secure representation at the coming fair to be held at St. Louis in 1903.

Stake conference appointments: Jordan, Reed Smoot; Woodruff, Jno. W. Taylor and Hyrum M. Smith; Summit, Geo. Teasdale. Benediction by Pres. Jno. R. Winder.

### **Sunday, 2 February 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cold; wintry. 7 a.m. Left for Preston to attend the Oneida Stake Conference, arriving at 12:30 noon, accompanied by Elder Seymour B. Young.

2 p.m. Meeting of the conference, first session, in the academy building, Pres. Geo. C. Parkinson presiding. Rudger Clawson. Topics treated. Read part of Sec. 68, D.&C., and commented upon the building up of the kingdom of God by the Holy Ghost. Tithing.

S. B. Young. Topics treated. Divine calling of Joseph Smith, the prophet. Apostasy. Obedience as exemplified by the life of Nephi. Tithing.

7 p.m. Conjoint meeting of the young people at the academy building, Elder Arthur W. Hart presiding. R. C[lawson]. Topics treated. The strength of the mutual improvement organizations, and the great good being accomplished by them. The power of the priesthood upon the young men of the church. The work awaiting us in the spirit world.

S. B. Y[oung]. Topics treated. The traditions of the Indians, as set forth in [Henry Wadsworth] Longfellow's poems, evidently point to incidents that occurred in the history of the Nephites. Fulfillment of the prophecy on war given through Joseph Smith, the prophet.

#### **Thursday, 6 February 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild; thawing. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: the First Presidency, and Apostles Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Jno. W. Taylor, Marriner W. Merrill, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, and Hyrum M. Smith. Song, "A Saint, and Is the Title Mine?" Prayer by Pres. Anthon H. Lund, and Jno. H. Smith mouth in the circle. Song, "O Say, What Is Truth?" Minutes of Dec. 19, 1901, and Jan. 30, 1902, read and approved.

The clerk read a written report from Apostles Jno. H. Smith and Rudger Clawson, committee on publication of Book of Mormon in the Tahitian language, in which they recommended the acceptance of the Deseret News bid for an edition of [two] thousand copies at 90 cents a copy. They also recommended that \$10,000 be appropriated for the purpose of putting the book-binding and press on a basis to compete with the rigid competition of eastern houses in the publication of our church works and literature. The report was received and approved by unanimous vote. The auditing committee was instructed to investigate



the account of Geo. C. Lambert with the *Deseret News* Co., in which there appears to be some discrepancies, and report to the Presidency.

Apostle Taylor reported his attendance at the Woodruff [Stake] Conference in company with Hyrum M. Smith. While there they had organized three wards: namely, Kemmerer with David McMillan, bishop; Cumberland with Geo. W. Collins, bishop; Diamondville, Andrew Easton, bishop. He also spoke of the oil prospects in Wyoming through sinking wells as being most excellent and felt that the church should interest itself in the matter. Brother [Charles] Kingston in the land office there could furnish full information.

Letter from Chas. O. Card regarding certain lands in southern Alberta, which strangers would come in and secure, if they were not taken by Latter-day Saints. He had understood, he said, that emigration to Canada was now being discouraged. Pres. Smith asked if the council knew of anyone who was discouraging it. The reply was no, but some of the brethren remarked that Pres. Snow had expressed the view, just prior to his death, that colonizing of Canada had now reached a point where it would take care of itself without urging.

Apostle Woodruff reported his visit to the Big Horn. The conference was held at Cowley in a new meeting house that had cost some \$3,000 and had been erected in the very short period of six weeks. There are 5 wards in the stake with a population of about 1500 souls.

Apostle Teasdale reported his attendance at the Summit Stake Conference, and while there ordained David Reese, bishop of Castle Rock, to succeed himself as presiding elder. Good meetings.

Apostle Clawson reported the visit of Apostle Merrill and himself to Oneida Stake, where stake conference was held. During the conference and after mature consideration, it was decided to divide Preston into four wards, and this was done with the following brethren to preside: Henry T. Rogers, Edwin Cutler, and Willard Larsen, bishopric of the Preston 1st Ward; Hugh S. Geddes, Wm. M. Daines, and Junius Jensen, bishopric of Preston 2nd Ward; Geo. H. Carver, Thos. Greaves, and Jas. Johnson, bishopric, Preston 3rd Ward; Allen R. Cutler, Walter P. Monson, and Wm. A. Skidmore, bishopric, Preston 4th Ward.

Apostle Clawson reported that on a blackboard in the room where the conference was assembled was recorded the following:

*Coincidence*

1844

Joseph Smith(brothers)Hyrum Smith  
Prophet Patriarch

Brigham Young  
President of the Twelve Apostles

1902

Joseph F. Smith(brothers)John Smith  
Prophet Patriarch

Brigham Young  
President of the Twelve Apostles

Apostle Cowley reported his visit to Springville at which time he had enjoyed himself. Apostle Merrill said that while at Preston he had advised that a central school be erected and established and that all the children under the 8th grade be taken from the academy and sent to the district schools, which would make room in the former building for older students.

Upon motion the reports were approved. Benediction by Pres. Jos. F. Smith.

**Tuesday, 11 February 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. Spent most of the day at the President's office engaged in opening the books of the trustee-in-trust.

Towards evening Mr. [William G.] McGinty, architect, called in, and we went carefully over the specifications of Lydia's new home and added the items that had been overlooked. He then said he would build the home, complete, according to plans and specifications, for \$3036. We accepted the offer and instructed him to come tomorrow, Wednesday, when all would be in readiness to sign up the contract.

**Wednesday, 12 February 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. At 10 a.m. I attended a meeting of the board of directors of the Utah Light and Power Co.

At 1 p.m. Mr. McGinty called in and Lydia signed the contract for the new home at \$3036.00 to be completed within 90 days. I had previously deed[ed] to her during the day 43 3/5 ft. x 69 ft. of land in front of our present home for the erection of the new home, which will be one and half stories in height, with sandstone foundation and red pressed-brick walls. There will be 8 rooms, hall, bathroom, laundry room and cellar in basement, and we anticipate it will be a very handsome and substantial building and just about as convenient in all its arrangements as it possibly can be made. When we move into the new home, the old home where we at present reside, which is large and spacious, will be turned into a rooming house. Its close proximity to the business center will doubtless insure ready patronage. At 4 p.m. I attended meeting of the general board of the religion classes, and at 5 p.m. a meeting of the general board of the Y.M.M.I.A.

#### Thursday, 13 February 1902

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: the First Presidency, and Apostles Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Jno. W. Taylor, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, and Jno. Smith, patriarch, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire." Pres. Jno. R. Winder was mouth in prayer, and Apostle Woodruff in the circle. Song, "How Firm a Foundation."

Minutes of Feb. 6th were read and approved. Stake conferences: Nebo, Apostle Jno. H. Smith; Granite, Apostles Woodruff, Pres. Winder, and Hyrum M. Smith.

Apostle Jno. H. Smith reported his attendance at the Bingham Stake Conference at Idaho Falls in company with Seymour B. Young. During the conference Alonzo Z. Bell [Dabell] and Andrew Jensen were ordained patriarchs; Jacob Elias Jacobson was ordained a bishop and set apart to preside over the Palisade Ward.

Apostle Teasdale reported the conference at the Wasatch Stake. Pres. [William H.] Smart doing a good work. Good feeling among the priesthood. Seventies improving. Elder Jos. W. Musser was set apart as clerk of the high council and stake tithing clerk.

Apostle M. F. Cowley reported that he and Apostle Woodruff attended a religion class conference in the Benson Stake. Apostle

Clawson reported the division of the Salt Lake 22nd Ward into three wards last Sunday night, namely, 22nd, 28th, and 29th Wards with Wm. McMillan as bishop of 28th Ward and Theo[dore] McKean as bishop of 29th Ward. The meeting was crowded and a good spirit prevailed.

The presidency of the Nebo Stake recommended by letter that Bp. Jno. Huish of Payson 1st Ward be honorably released and taken into the high council and that he be succeeded by Julius Jenson. Matter referred to Apostle Jno. H. Smith with power to act while at the quarterly conference.

The clerk read a letter from the presidency of the Union Stake, in which they said that the organization of a ward from the Emmett Branch was under contemplation and they wanted to know what steps should be taken regarding the ordination of the bishop. It was decided that a letter should be written instructing them to appoint the bishop and authorize him to act until the quarterly conference, when he could be ordained by the visiting apostle.

A letter from Pres. Brigham Young conveyed the information that he was much improved in health. In the matter of selecting a president for the San Juan Stake, it was decided that the matter be left to the judgment of two of the apostles, who would be appointed to attend their conference in the near future.

Apostle Clawson made a verbal report in regard to the settlement of the Geo. C. Lambert notes held by the *Deseret News* Co. He reported that there were six notes amounting to \$7525.34 with interest at 12% from maturity, amounting to \$2602.91 [\$2605.91], in all \$10,111.25 [\$10,131.25], which had been paid and settled up. There had been some correspondence between Geo. C. Lambert and the Presidency in regard to the subject and some of the expressions used in the former's letters were quite offensive. He claimed that the rate of interest was too high, although the face of the notes called for 12% and now asked for a rebate. The matter was referred back to the committee, namely, Apostles Clawson and Smoot with Jno. H. Smith added for further investigation and report.

President Lund reported his attendance at the North San Pete Stake Conference. Had an excellent time. Benediction by President Jos. F. Smith.

**Sunday, 16 February 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild, like spring. I attended Sunday School at the 18th Ward in the forenoon.

2 p.m. Meeting at the tabernacle, Pres. A. M. Cannon presiding. The speakers were Elder J. G. Kimball and myself. J. G. K[imball]. Topics treated. Preaching the gospel in the world, and the power of the Lord, which accompanies an elder when he testifies that Joseph Smith was a prophet. The saloon evil and immorality. Profanity.

R. C[lawson]. Topics treated. Read from Sec. 29, D.&C., commencing at the 31st verse and commented thereon, regarding the character of the Lord and his laws. Free agency. Second death. Repentance.

**Thursday, 20 February 1902**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and mild. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: the First Presidency, and Apostles Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Jno. W. Taylor, M. W. Merrill, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, Pat. Jno. Smith, and Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "Behold, the Mountain of the Lord." Prayer [by] Apostle H. M. Smith, with Pres. Smith mouth in the circle. [Song,] "Israel, Israel, God Is Calling."

Minutes of Feb. 13, 1902, read and approved. The presidency of the Millard Stake recommended by letter that Elder Wm. F. Pratt be appointed bishop of Hinckley. Recommendation adopted.

The clerk read report of committee appointed to investigate the settlement of the Geo. C. Lambert notes held by the *Deseret News*, who recommended that the interest be reduced from 12% to 8% from maturity, which would amount to \$868.64. This added to \$268.04 now due him from *Deseret News*, would amount to 1136, which the committee recommended be appropriated and paid as follows, to wit: \$268.04 by the *Deseret News* and \$868.64 by the church as a donation. The committee also recommended that Bro. Geo. C. Lambert be required to make reparation for the offensive [language] used in his correspondence with the Presidency. The recommendations were adopted by unanimous vote.

Elder C. P. Edlefson wrote from Emmett Branch, Idaho, south [northwest] of Boise, in regard to the wisdom of building a canal and purchasing certain lands for the benefit of settlers from among our people. Apostles Woodruff and Hyrum M. Smith were appointed to visit that part of the country and investigate the matter.

Pres. E. H. Snow of St. George Stake wrote, saying they were very desirous of a visit from some of the brethren at their next quarterly conference, Mch. 14, 1902. Apostle Smoot was appointed to attend said conference in company with Bp. [William B.] Preston.

Pres. Smith requested the clerk to read a dispatch, cable, from Apostle Heber J. Grant as follows, to wit: "Grant will leave Friday midday (21) unless advised to contrary. We cannot too strongly recommend. Grant." Answer: "We are placed in a very awkward position. Don't come home at present. You had better write. Smith." Both telegrams were couched in a cipher, and the action of the Presi[dency] was concurred in by the council. The Presidency knew nothing, they said, as to Heber's purpose in coming home.

Apostle Jno. H. Smith reported his attendance at the Nebo Stake Conference held at Payson. During the conference Bp. [John E.] Huish was made a high councillor, [and] Elder Justin A. Loveless called to succeed him as bishop of Payson 1st Ward. Stake matters in fair condition. Apostle Cowley attended a religion class conference [in] Farmington.

Apostle Clawson reported his attendance last Sunday evening at a meeting held in the 4th Ward branch, when that branch was organized into what is now known as the 30th Ward of the Salt Lake Stake. The following brethren were called to the bishopric: Heber S. Cutler, Chas. Cottrell, Jr., and Jno. De Grey Dixon. Church population, 255 souls. The saints there have just finished a new brick meeting house at a cost of \$1400, which was dedicated during the meeting.

Apostle Clawson reported further that in accordance with the resolution adopted by the council, Dec. 12, 1901, he had closed the books of the trustee-in-trust, Dec. 31, 1901, and had opened up a new set for Jan. 1, 1902, and would be pleased at the first opportunity to submit the books, as closed and opened, to the

Presidency for their inspection and approval. He also read a statement of the assets and liabilities of the church, Jan. 1, 1902. The following is a recapitulation of the report, which was given in much detail:

# RECAPITULATION

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>ACTIVE</u>	<u>SILENT</u>
Cash on hand	297,907.73	
Real estate	1,096,828.96	492,005.25
Bank, R.R. and mer[cantile] stocks and bonds	974,617.00	
Bills receivable and accounts	21,991.28	159,262.41
Sinking fund	149,429.07	
	\$2,540,774.04	\$651,267.66

# LIABILITIES

Church bonds (2 series of \$500,000.00 each)	\$1,000,000.00
Bills payable, sundry notes	230,633.35
Jackson Temple offerings	1,410.00
Sundry persons and accounts	8,409.30
	\$1,240,452.65
Total excess of active assets over liabilities or surplus	\$1,300,321.39

Apostle Clawson said that he was not prepared today to submit a supplementary report of assets and liabilities at the Presiding Bishop's office, and tithes on hand in the stakes of Zion, Jan. 1st, 1902, but would do so at an early day. He remarked that said report would make a still more favorable showing in regard to the financial status of the church.

He made the following deductions from this and previous reports, to wit:

Surplus, Feb. 18, 1899	82,628.40
Surplus, Jan. 1, 1902	1,300,321.39
Net increase	\$1,217,692.99
Surplus, Nov. 1, 1901	881,791.82
Surplus, Jan. 1, 1902	1,300,321.39
Net increase	\$418,529.57

Upon motion of Apostle Jno. H. Smith, the report was adopted and ordered spread on the minutes and to be recorded in the special record provided for same. Benediction by Apostle Jno. H. Smith.

**Friday, 21 February 1902**

Salt Lake City  
Feb. 21, 1902

Apostle Francis M. Lyman  
Liverpool, England

My dearly beloved brother:

I send you a few additional leaves, which I am sure will interest you greatly, as they set forth in brief the present financial status of the church. The figures sent you are intended for your comfort and consolation and, particularly, for your *eye alone*. In writing home to others, say nothing of this matter. I think you will coincide with me that the showing is little less than marvelous and is an evidence of the Lord's gracious watchcare over his church. A very few years and the church will be [free] from every obligation of a financial character.

I received your good letter of Jan. 3, 1902, and was pleased with all you had to say and approve heartily of the excellent work being accomplished over the sea. May you be greatly and abundantly blessed. You can well imagine that at present my time is so occupied I have little opportunity for correspondence.

Your affectionate brother,  
[signed] Rudger Clawson

**Thursday, 27 February 1902**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and mild. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, Anthon H. Lund, and Apostles Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Jno. W. Taylor, Marriner W. Merrill, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, and Pat. Jno. Smith. Song, "Though Deepening Trials." Apostle Clawson was mouth in



prayer, and Apostle Smoot in the circle. Song, "O Give Me Back My Prophet Dear."

Minutes of Feb. 20, 1902, were read and accepted. Conference appointments: Bear Lake, Apostle Teasdale; Union, Apostle Cowley; Tooele, Apostle Taylor.

The clerk read a letter from Thos. E. Bassett, in which he said that they had concluded to change the name of the Fremont Stake Academy to that of the Smith Academy—in honor of Jos. and Hyrum Smith—if agreeable to the council. Some of the brethren expressed the view that the said academy was hardly of sufficient importance to bear the name of the Prophet and also that an action of this kind now would detract somewhat from the contemplated memorial building to memory of Joseph Smith. Upon motion of Apostle Jno. H. Smith it was decided that we recommend the name of the Ricks Academy.

The clerk read a letter from Pres. A. W. Ivins of the Juarez Stake, who wrote concerning the missionary work in the city of Mexico and vicinity. Much good, he said, was being accomplished, and the cause prospered.

It was learned by letter from Pres. Jas. Paxman of Juab Stake that Jas. M. Taylor had been ordained bishop of Silver City under his hands. Pres Smith asked by what authority this had been done and told that Brother Paxman claimed he had received the authority from him. Pres. Smith said that it was not so and remarked that he had exceeded his privileges and should be corrected. It was moved that Apostle Teasdale be directed to instruct Pres. Paxman as to his duty in regard to such matters, namely, that presidents of stakes have no authority to ordain bishops without special orders, and that presidents of seventies should not be transferred to other quorums or positions without the consent of the First Council of Seventies.

Pres. Smith made brief remarks in relation to the priesthood. Men should learn their duty from the first round on the ladder upward; when men are taken from the quorums, we should consult the authorities that be, especially as to presidents. There should be a mutual understanding. A president of a stake may organize a ward and ordain bishops when so directed, but no such general authority is given; otherwise they may call men to act temporarily until the apostles come along and ordain them.

Apostle Clawson asked if it would be proper to ask the Seven Presidents of Seventies to assist, when present, in ordaining bishops, patriarchs, and high priests. The answer was "yes," but they should not be called upon to be mouth.

Apostle Jno. W. Taylor recommended Ezra Richards for president of the N.W. States Mission. He would make a capable president in his opinion, and the mission was sadly in need of a president. After due consideration it was decided that the matter be laid on the table for the present, as Elder Richards would doubtless soon be needed for the New Zealand Mission, he being familiar with the Maori tongue.

Apostle Taylor recommended that steps be taken at an early day to establish church schools in Canada—a matter of great importance. It was moved that Supt. J. M. Tanner be instructed to visit Canada and give this question careful consideration on the ground and report his findings. Carried.

In speaking of the presiding authorities of the Alberta Stake, Apostle Taylor said that a change should be effected as Pres. [Charles O.] Card is somewhat feeble in health and suffers by reason many times of a lapse of memory, or in other words, he is very forgetful. All in all, he is hardly equal to the situation. He thought Heber S. Allen would make an able president. After some discussion it was decided by unanimous vote that the presidency of the Alberta Stake be reorganized and that the visiting apostles at the next quarterly conference in March, namely, Jno. W. Taylor, Abraham O. Woodruff, and Hyrum M. Smith, be authorized to effect the change.

Apostle Merrill reported his attendance at the Benson Stake Conference. He counseled the saints there to go ahead and complete the canal now in course of construction, which taps the Bear River, without calling upon the church for assistance. The action of Apostle Merrill was approved.

Apostle Cowley reported his attendance at the Millard Stake Conference and while there he ordained Elder Wm. F. Pratt, bishop of Hinckley Ward. Apostle Jno. H. Smith reported the ordination under his hands of Edward S. Sheets, bishop of the 31st Ward, Salt Lake Stake. Apostle Smoot reported the serious illness of Pres. Canute Peterson of [South] San Pete Stake.

Apostle Clawson reported the attendance of himself and

Hyrum M. Smith at the Box Elder Stake Conference. Meetings were largely attended. Pres. [Charles] Kelly made the following tithing report. Tithing paid during the past seven years, as follows, to wit: in 1895, 15,079.97; in 1896, 15,286.36; in 1897, 16,344.81; in 1898, 22,947.65; in 1899, 26,470.82; in 1900, 31,226.62; in 1901, 32,249.95; total, 159,650.88. Stake population, 7000. Benediction by Apostle Teasdale.

**Saturday, 1 March 1902**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and thawing. A portion of the day was devoted to the balancing of cash at the President's office, but we did not strike the balance. Will go over the figures on Monday. I expect to introduce a new method of keeping the cash, by which it will be a simple matter to strike a balance at any time without uncertainty of shortage or overplus. Got out a statement of the church note indebtedness for the information of the Presidency.

**Thursday, 6 March 1902**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and mild. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, Anthon H. Lund, Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Jno. W. Taylor, Marriner W. Merrill, Matthias F. Cowley, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, and G. F. Gibbs, clerk.

In view of the fact that an arbitration had been appointed to settle the difficulties arising in the late President Snow's family (consisting of Apostles Merrill, Taylor, and Smoot), Pres. Smith enquired as to how matters stood. Apostle Taylor said that one session of 5 hours had been held and as a result they found a bitter feeling in the family towards Minnie and her children. Some members of the family claimed that she had taken things from the Beehive that she was not entitled to. It was also thought that the 300 shares of sugar stock in her possession and transferred to her should be divided among the heirs. It is also claimed that she has two pieces of land (20 acres in one and 9 acres in the other) more than the others have received. He further said that the arbitrators had not yet formulated their decision but would do so this afternoon.

Song, "Let Zion in Her Beauty Rise." Apostle Teasdale was mouth in prayer, and Reed Smoot in the circle. [Song,] "This Earth

Was Once a Garden Place." After some discussion it was decided by unanimous vote that the reorganization of the stake presidency of the Alberta Stake be deferred for the present, owing to the unsettled condition of our land interests in Canada.

Upon motion Elder Nephi Pratt was called to the presidency of the N.W. States Mission, said mission to be comprised within the following lines: Montana, Northern Idaho, Washington, and British Columbia, Canada. An allowance of \$75.00 per month was voted for the family of Elder Pratt during his absence.

The clerk read a letter from Elder Richard W. Young, seventy, addressed to Elder Golden Kimball, in which he suggested that a missionary work should be done in Salt Lake City. In this connection he proposed the erection of a building under the direction of the First Council of Seventies for the holding of a nightly meeting in the interest of tourists, [and] also the establishment of a bureau of information.

The whole matter was referred to the Seven Presidents of Seventies for their consideration and action. Pres. Smith remarked in this connection that he was not in favor of the erecting of a building for meeting purposes as suggested, but thought a test could be made by taking a house like the 14th Ward house. Apostle Clawson said that he doubted if the nightly meetings would prove a success, as it would be difficult to get tourists out in the evening. Those who are attracted to our meetings usually come out of curiosity to see the tabernacle and hear our celebrated choir. The most effectual missionary work to be done in Salt Lake City would be on the Streets and in the hotels during the hours of the day and also by the establishment of a bureau of information. The idea of a bureau of information, it should be understood, did not originate with Elder R. W. Young, but has been under advisement of the Presidency for some time past.

A letter from Pres. B. Young from Mesa City, Feb. 22, informed the brethren that he was still mending in health. Pres. Wm. H. Seegmiller informed the council that Bp. Wm. R. Stevens had resigned as bishop of Aurora, with a view to going to Canada, and Bp. Hans Rasmussen of Redmond, on account of ill health. After consultation with the high council, he now submitted the names of the following brethren to fill the vacancies: Christian Christensen, bishop of Aurora, and Martin Jensen, bishop of Redmond.

Upon motion of Apostle Clawson the recommendation was adopted, these brethren to be ordained at next quarterly conference.

The clerk read a letter from Bp. [Joseph] Bentley of Juarez addressed to Apostle Jno. H. Smith, in which he expressed the thanks of the family for sympathy in the death of Henry Eyring. Conference appointments: North San Pete, Geo. Teasdale; Poccatello, Apostles Cowley and Clawson.

Apostle Cowley reported the ordination by himself of Elder Geo. E. Stoddard, bishop of LaGrande, Union Stake. Benediction by Apostle Merrill.

#### **Thursday, 13 March 1902**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and mild. 10 a.m. Meeting at the Temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, A. H. Lund, and Apostles Geo. Teasdale, Matthias F. Cowley, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, and G. Gibbs, clerk, [and Patriarch John Smith]. Song, "Truth Reflects upon the Senses." Patriarch Jno. Smith was mouth in prayer, and Apostle Cowley in the circle. Song, "Glory to God on High." Minutes of March 6, 1902, were read and approved.

Pres. Jos. F. Smith made some remarks upon the authority invested in the apostles. He said he had known of instances where some of the brethren of the quorum, under a sudden inspiration, would ordain a man a patriarch or perhaps a bishop. He did not feel that this method of procedure was exactly right, as it infringed upon the principle of common consent. Due respect should be had for the presiding authorities in the stakes of Zion. Apostles who came as representatives of the Presidency had authority to ordain, but they should consult with stake authorities, that the action might have the approval of all concerned. In cases of emergency, where the Presidency of the church could not well be reached, the apostles would have power to act, but this should be the exception not the rule.

Stake conference appointments: Morgan, Reed Smoot and Rudger Clawson. The clerk read a letter from [Samuel C.] Dallas and [William S.] Hedges, architects, in which they suggested that the most suitable building to erect on the old Deseret News corner would be an office building in modern style and finish. Pres. Smith remarked that they had certainly gotten a wrong impression as to

what was wanted, and it was suggested that the Presidency ask them to draw up some plans for a memorial building incorporating such ideas as would be given them. Carried.

Sisters Mary Noal and Mary K. Roberts of Farmington, N. M., wrote giving information as to conditions prevailing in their vicinity and saying that they needed a good, strong leader to keep the saints from moving away. The matter was referred to the apostles, who would be called to attend the next San Juan Stake Conference.

The brethren now listened to the reading of a letter from Pres. Jas. Paxman of the Juab Stake, in which he apologized for ordaining a bishop without authority. It occurred, he said, through a misunderstanding. Explanation and apology accepted by unanimous vote.

The matter of calling some missionaries to labor in the mining camps of Juab Stake was referred to the Twelve with power to act. Part of a letter [to] Apostle Cowley from Brother [Louis A.] Kelsch, Japan, was read. He spoke of Apostle Grant's intended return for the purpose of reporting his labors and attending the April conference. He and his companions were unanimous in the feeling that it would be a proper thing to do and would result in much good to that mission. He was of opinion that a great work would yet be accomplished in Japan. The present need was young men engaged in the study of the language. Missionaries to Japan would find it difficult [to] reconcile themselves to habits and customs of the people—especially the diet.

Apostle Clawson reported that he had set apart Elder Jno. Larson of Preston, a high councillor of the Oneida Stake. Pres. Winder reported his attendance at the Y.M.M.I.A. conference at the Granite Stake last Sunday. Apostle Teasdale reported the Bear Lake Stake Conference and Apostle Cowley the Pocatello Stake Conference.

Upon motion of Pres. Winder, the Saturday night of the general conference was given to Prof. [Evan] Stephens for a concert, and the general priesthood meeting was set for Friday night. Benediction by Pres. Lund.

### **Wednesday, 19 March 1902**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cool, with rain in afternoon. I spent

a portion of the day working on my annual financial statement. At 4 p.m. attended a meeting of the general board of the religion classes, and at 5 p.m. a meeting of the general board of the Y.M.M.I.A. Our new home is progressing very rapidly.

#### Thursday, 20 March 1902

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild; most beautiful day. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Apostles Geo. Teasdale, Jno. W. Taylor, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, Jno. Smith, patriarch, and Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "Glorious Things Are Sung of Zion." Apostle Woodruff was mouth in prayer, and Apostle Merrill in the circle. Song, "The Time Is Far Spent."

Minutes of March 13th [were] read and approved. Stake conference appointments: Malad, Apostles Taylor and Clawson; Davis, Apostles Woodruff and Smoot, and members of the Presidency; Hyrum, Apostles Cowley and Hyrum M. Smith.

Apostle Teasdale reported his visit to Eureka last Sunday, which was pleasant and profitable. Apostle Taylor reported the visit of himself and Apostles Woodruff and Hyrum M. Smith to Canada, where they attended the Alberta Stake Conference. The attendance was large. The tithing of that stake last year was \$23,000 and would probably be \$30,000 in 1902.

Apostle Taylor said something ought to be done to save the church holdings of our people in Mesa City, Arizona, as a good many are selling out and moving away. He also thought some further steps ought to be taken in relation to colonizing the Big Horn country, as that was a very desirable country for homes. He felt that it was a mistaken policy to restrict the emigration of our people from the mission fields of the world, in view of the many opportunities offered for securing comfortable homes.

Pres. Smith said in brief that these matters had received the attention of the First Presidency. The people of Mesa were counseled sometime ago not to move away, and respecting the colonization of Canada and the Big Horn basin, we have not the colonists, unless they should be taken from the Salt Lake Stake and other populous centers—thus weakening the church politically. Nevertheless, Apostle Woodruff, Chas. Card, Canada, Chas.

Wilkins, Deseret, have been authorized to direct those who are dissatisfied and uneasy in securing new locations. In relation to emigration he said that newcomers usually desired to settle in our populous communities, where there is nothing to do, rather than build up new countries.

Regarding the help that is expected from the church by our new colonies, he said that today the church owes a million and a quarter of dollars, and we will, therefore, have to exercise wisdom and prudence until the debt is cancelled, which will be in some three or four years, but when the obligation is wiped out, we will then have means to build canals, develop the country, and beautify Zion, and perform any other work required by the Lord. We are now helping the people of Dixey to get the water onto the Hurricane bench and have appropriated \$5000 for that purpose. After conference some of the apostles should visit the Maricopa Stake and ascertain what is necessary to be done to strengthen the cause in that part of the vineyard.

Apostle Woodruff made brief remarks in reference to the colonization of the Big Horn country. Said that our people there had thus far received no help from the church. Politically, we control two counties. It is a great section for alfalfa. If our new colonies are to receive accessions from the mission fields, he suggested that it would be well for the presiding authorities in said fields to select those who would be suitable and recommend them to settle in certain localities.

Apostle Cowley reported his attendance at the funeral of a son of Brother Bybee of Hooper, who met death by accident. Apostle Woodruff reported the visit of himself and Hyrum M. Smith to Payette valley, Idaho, on their way to Canada. It is a fine country, and about 30 or 40 families of Latter-day Saints are living there. They are divided into two factions. He recommended that they receive early attention.

Apostle Clawson reported the visit of himself and Apostle Smoot to Morgan Stake. The conference was well attended and spirited. He said that the bishopric[s] of two wards—namely, North Morgan and Croyden—were sadly in need of reorganization. Pres. Smith suggested that word be sent to Pres. [Daniel] Heiner to effect the necessary changes subject to the visit of an apostle, who would attend to the ordination.



Presidents Smith and Lund attended the Salt Lake Stake Conference. The clerk read a letter from Pres. Brigham Young, which announced that he would in all probability be in attendance at the general conference in April, although his health was not the best. The clerk also read a letter from Elder J. M. Tanner, who recently saw Pres. Young at Mesa City and who said that he looked quite ill. Brother Tanner felt that it would be unwise for Brother Brigham to come home to conference. While some of the brethren shared in the same view, it was left to Brother Brigham to exercise his own judgment in the matter.

A letter was read from Apostle Grant, in which he explained in part his reason for wishing to come home. It was not due to homesickness, but it was with an idea of availing himself of the privilege granted to mission presidents to attend the annual conference of the church. Action was taken to this effect, as he remembered it, by the Presidency and apostles several years ago. And further he could better represent the exact status of the Japanese Mission in person than by correspondence, and besides he wished to see and congratulate the new Presidency. Benediction by Apostle Jno. W. Taylor.

### **Saturday, 22 March 1902**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cool. 7 a.m. Accompanying Apostle Jno. W. Taylor, left for Portage to attend the Malad Stake Conference, where we expected to reorganize the presidency of the stake, arriving at Collinston at 10 a.m. From there we were driven to Portage—20 miles—by Elder Mason. The weather was cold, making the ride anything but pleasant. We arrived at 1:30 p.m. and went directly to the home of President O. C. Hoskins.

2 p.m. Second session of conference, Pres. O. C. Hoskins presiding. Apostle Taylor was the first speaker. Topics treated. Said that the First Presidency and Twelve contemplated making a number of changes in the stakes of Zion, among other things they had decided to tender to Pres. Hoskins his release as president of the Malad Stake with their confidence and blessing. This decision was reached in part on account of the advancing age of Pres. Hoskins. Said he desired to see Pres. Hoskins ordained a patriarch in the church, if he felt to appreciate and accept the appointment. Commented upon the greatness of the patriarchal priesthood.

Pres. Hoskins. Topics treated. Said that he never had felt better than when Apostle Taylor was speaking. He had ever tried to serve the Lord and do his duty. The stake is fairly well organized, and we have a good corps of bishops. He was willing, he said, to submit to the judgment and counsel of his brethren.

R. Clawson. Topics treated. Said he was very deeply impressed with the talk of Apostle Taylor upon the priesthood and hoped that all would understand the rights, privileges, and authority of the holy priesthood. Mothers should be instructed so that they might teach their children the great importance of holding and honoring the priesthood. This sacred authority is given to the sons of God with an oath and covenant that cannot be broken. It is without beginning of days or end of years, being everlasting and eternal in its character. The keys of the holy priesthood are in this church, with power to bind on earth and it is bound in heaven, and to loose on earth and it is loosed in heaven. This principle is shown forth in our marriage ceremony; we are married for time and all eternity, while out in the world death ends the contract. When a man is called to be a bishop in the church, he continues always to be a bishop, but not so with the president of a stake, who is simply set apart to that calling. On the other hand, a bishop is ordained to the presidency of the Aaronic Priesthood. If a man is ordained a high priest, he is a high priest forever, if faithful, both in this world and the next. Spoke of the lack of appreciation on the part of some of our young men who are married in the temple for time and all eternity, for after they have secured this great blessing, they become careless and neglectful of duty and fail to honor the priesthood. The speaker read from page 292, D.&C. [84:35-42], and said that the passages referred to the priesthood and not callings growing out of the priesthood. Think of it, brethren and sisters: all that the Father hath shall be given unto us, if we are faithful. The priesthood is a precious gift from God, which is sealed upon us with an oath and covenant and is the power by which we will be exalted in the kingdom of God. Referring to the patriarchal priesthood, said that it is not thoroughly understood by the saints.

[Apostle Clawson] Was highly pleased and delighted with the remarks of President Hoskins. Wanted to say that he has

the faith and confidence of this people. He has suffered bonds and imprisonment for the gospel and is a man of integrity. God bless him and his wives and children. Testified that Pres. Hoskins had a great work to perform before his death. Bore testimony that this church is the little stone that was cut out of the mountain without hands, as spoken of by Daniel the prophet, and will roll forth and fill the whole earth [Dan. 2:44-45].

**Thursday, 27 March 1902**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cool. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Apostles Geo. Teasdale, Jno. W. Taylor, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, and Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "Joy to the World, the Lord Will Come." Prayer by Pres. Jos. F. Smith, with Pres. Lund mouth in the circle. Song, "Zion Stands with Hills Surrounded." Minutes of March 20, 1902, were read and approved.

Apostle Teasdale reported his visit to Parowan with Pres. Seymour B. Young, where they attended conference. Said that the new bishops recently appointed in that stake are doing an excellent work. The meetings were well attended.

Apostle Cowley reported the Hyrum Stake Conference. He was accompanied by Hyrum M. Smith. They held some spirited meetings. By special invitation he spoke in Logan Sunday night upon the subject of immorality. He learned that immorality prevailed among the young people of that place to an alarming extent.

Apostle Woodruff reported that the Presidency, Apostle Smoot, and himself attended the Davis Stake Conference. He said that during the conference Pres. Smith made a very pointed and impressive talk upon the subject of secret societies, showing the evil pertaining thereunto.

Apostle Clawson reported the Malad Stake Conference. Said that under the authority of the council, Apostle Taylor and himself felt impressed to reorganize the stake presidency. Pres. Hoskins accepted his release in a kindly spirit, saying that he was conscious of having done the best he could, but was perfectly willing to submit to the wisdom and judgment of his brethren. The following brethren were sustained as the new presidency: Milton H. Welling,

president, Wm. H. Gibbs, 1st counselor, and Moroni Ward, 2nd counselor. They were set apart during the conference. Apostle Clawson further said that these brethren and all the stake presidencies were given a two-weeks mission to visit the Granite Stake and study their methods of conducting stake affairs. Apostle Taylor added that Pres. Hoskins was in financial straits and needed immediate help. Pres. Smith said that he was informed as to Pres. Hoskins financial affairs and the Presidency contemplated giving him some assistance.

Apostle Hyrum M. Smith said that the conditions in the Hyrum Stake were similar to those in Logan City; there was a great deal of immorality. He spoke during conference against said evils.

At this point Pres. Smith referred to a report made by Elder Jos. M. Tanner at the church board of education meeting yesterday, in which he stated that the practice of masturbation was indulged in by many young people in the church schools. Pres. Smith remarked that this was a most damnable and pernicious practice, and the face of every apostle, president of a stake, and high councillor should be set as flint against it. The priesthood should be called together at the stake conferences and the brethren and parents should be instructed and warned in relation to this matter.

Pres. Winder said he felt that there is too much familiarity between the sexes at the Latter-day Saints University. Pres. Lund, who is president of the board, said he would enquire into the matter.

Apostle Smoot referred to the case of a young man who had committed himself with his wife just previous to their marriage in the temple. His wife is now dead, and his transgression is worrying him. He is faithful in the church, and his wife was always a good girl. Apostle Smoot was authorized to say to him that, if he was thoroughly repentant, having resolved in his heart to sin no more, he would be forgiven.

The question of sealing our young people in Mexico, Canada, and outlying stakes was discussed. Pres. Smith said that it was proper to do this in cases where they could not go to the temple. This privilege was, however, not to be extended to those who had already been married by the law of the land. He further said that

there had been a difference of opinion as between Pres. Brigham Young and Lorenzo Snow regarding the nature of such sealings. The former taught that it would be necessary in each case when opportunity offered to be resealed in the temple; the latter claimed it was not necessary. This matter, he said, would be early brought to the attention of the council for final decision. Benediction by Apostle Cowley.

### **Saturday, 29 March 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cold. Saturday night in an interview with Pres. Joseph F. Smith I stated that the work in the President's office had got beyond Brother Jas. Jack, and that in closing and opening the books, as I had done, it was clearly shown that he did not fully and clearly understand bookkeeping; that he could not have closed the books and now that they were properly opened, he could not close them. Also the incident of the other day (to which the attention of the Presidency had already been called) wherein a shortage of some \$7000 had been discovered in the cash, and which discrepancy had gone from June 1901 until March 1902, showed beyond dispute that Brother Jack was not in the habit of balancing cash each month and thus exposed himself to severe criticism. In all large enterprises, where large sums of money are handled, the balancing of cash once a month is imperative. I also reminded him that church assets under the former management of the books to the extent of six or seven hundred thousand dollars had wandered away, but under the new regime had been gathered in and entered up in the new books. I also called attention to the fact that since Brother Jack had been absent in California new methods had been adopted that would be unfamiliar to him. All this suggested the need of a change, in which event I suggested that some provision should be made for Brother Jack during the balance of his natural life. His faithfulness, integrity, and long connection with the office would certainly justify it.

Pres. Smith asked if I had any suggestion to make as to Brother Jack's successor, should the Presidency decide to make a change. I replied that I had been practically in charge since Jan. 1, 1902, and that if this arrangement was satisfactory to the brethren, it might be so continued. He suggested that it might interfere with the duties of my apostleship. I said that with Brother [David]

McKenzie to do the detail work under my supervision it would not necessarily interfere with my duties. He assured me that the matter would receive the attention of the brethren.

### **Tuesday, 1 April 1902**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and mild. 10 a.m. First meeting of the quarterly conference of the Twelve at the temple. Present: President Brigham Young, and Apostles Geo. Teasdale, Heber J. Grant, Jno. W. Taylor, Marriner W. Merrill, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, and Hyrum M. Smith. Song, "God Moves in a Mysterious Way." Prayer by Apostle Smoot. Song, "Ye Who Are Called to Labor and Minister for God."

Pres. B. Young was the first speaker. Topics treated. Expressed thankfulness and gratitude for his presence in the midst of the brethren. All the days of his life he had been associated with the leaders of the church. In the days of Nauvoo he lived at the Mansion House, where he could see the Prophet almost daily. Therefore, when absent, he missed the society of his associates. He had been weak and sick with dropsy, but the Lord had opened up the way for his return, and he now felt fairly well and strong. Of late had felt an anxiety to get new missions under way. He felt that there was a big work to be done among the Spanish-speaking nations; likely a good work could also be done in South Africa. Spoke of Maricopa and said there must be an overhauling of that stake. Brother [Collins R.] Hakes is not a natural leader but a splendid support. He said, "Plenty of missions to be established, but where? Plenty of people to hear the gospel, but where are they?"

Hyrum M. Smith. Topics treated. Rejoiced in the association of his brethren, for he felt that in our meetings is to be found a spirit of candor and zeal for the work of God, and the spirit of sophistry and intrigue is not known among us. Had a testimony of the gospel and was willing and anxious to do his duty, but was not much of a hand to volunteer. Felt timid in speaking.

Rudger Clawson. Topics treated. Was deeply impressed with the great responsibility resting upon the apostles. If we would succeed, we must throw ourselves wholly upon the Lord and resist the spirit of self-sufficiency. Was indeed happy to see Brothers Brigham and Heber in our midst and felt an abiding interest in the

labors of Apostles Lyman and Grant and their companions. The efforts of Brother Grant were being crowned with success and Brother Lyman had been actuated by a spirit of energy and progress that was indeed commendable. For the information of Apostle Grant, who had been absent, spoke of the financial condition of the church, saying that the books of the trustee-in-trust were closed under his direction, Dec. 31, 1901, and re-opened, Jan. 1, 1902, with a net surplus over and above all liabilities of over \$1,300,000, which contrary to former methods was clearly set forth in the books; also that the surplus tithes on hand in the stakes and at the Presiding Bishop's office, amounting to over \$400,000, had been transferred to the trustee-in-trust's ledger; that the surplus at the *Deseret News* office would also be carried to said book, as soon as it could be gotten out; that at present the trustee-in-trust's books show the net surplus to be something over \$1,700,000.00. By deducting a reasonable percentage for loss and shrinkage of tithes on hand, say 33 1/3%, the net surplus over and above all liabilities of the church would be at least \$1,500,000.00, and this most important information can be had at a moment's notice by inspection of the ledger. It never was there before, and in fact no one book up to this time ever contained full information as to the financial status of the church. During Brother [James] Jack's absence in California, the speaker said, he had balanced cash at the President's office, the first time in some nine months, and had introduced a simple method of his own by which a daily cash balance is taken, and weekly reports of the receipts and disbursements of cash is furnished to the Presidency. The title of James Jack, treasurer, had been abolished and all checks are now signed by Jos. F. Smith, trustee-in-trust. Benediction by Apostle Hyrum M. Smith.

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above the priesthood; the lesser priesthood do not magnify their callings. A stricter enforcement of church government would cure the spirit of hoodlumism and similar evils. Spoke of a little work [*Cowley's Talks on Doctrine*], written by himself and published by Ben Rich, containing 39 biographies and 36 chapters on gospel principles, a copy of which he intended to send to each of the brethren with his compliments. He hoped the brethren would find nothing objectionable in this work.

Minutes read and approved and the meeting adjourned until tomorrow at 11 a.m. Benediction by Apostle Teasdale.

### Wednesday, 2 April 1902

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and mild. 11 a.m. Continuation of quarterly conference of Twelve, Apostle Teasdale presiding. Present: Apostles Teasdale, Heber J. Grant, Jno. W. Taylor, Marriner W. Merrill, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, and Hyrum M. Smith. Song, "Lord, We Come before Thee Now." Prayer by Apostle Grant. Song, "Do What Is Right."

Apostle Teasdale spoke briefly and said he very much regretted the absence of Pres. Brigham Young. When these meetings were first inaugurated, the Apostles were not fully united and Pres. Snow's purpose was to unite the brethren that they might be presented to the Presidency as being of one heart and one mind. Upon a certain occasion at the close of one of our quarterly conferences, he presented the quorum of apostles to the Presidency as being fully united and said that in this the desire of his heart had been gratified. It would be a calamity, said Apostle Teasdale, if this body of men were divided.

Apostle Merrill. Topics treated. Felt to appreciate these meetings—more so now than formerly; the value of them became more apparent to him as time went on. Said his labors were a little different to those of the other brethren. His health had been poor of recent years and he could not travel very much. Had been called to labor in the Logan Temple, where he had spent some 18 years of his life; this work was not so arduous and he had enjoyed it very much. Felt that it was important and had received many wonderful manifestations in the house of the Lord. Referred to the action taken by the late Presidency in furnishing to the Salt Lake Temple

paintings of the First Presidency and Twelve, and felt that these pictures should be reproduced and placed in the Logan Temple; many who go to the temple never get to see these brethren in a quorum capacity. Glad to have Brothers Grant and Young with us. When we are all together, there is more strength in the quorum. Never allowed anybody to speak against his brethren without correcting them.

Apostle Taylor. Topics treated. Said he fully sustained the Presidency and Twelve Apostles in his heart. Said that during a recent trip Brother Clawson and himself had talked over the propriety and wisdom of the presidents of stakes holding a convention to discuss the best methods of conducting stake affairs; there is a great variation in the management of stakes. He thought much good would result therefrom.

Minutes read and approved. Adjourned until 2 p.m. Benediction by Apostle Jno. W. Taylor.

2 p.m. Continuation of meetings of the Twelve. The same brethren present as were in attendance in the morning, with Pres. Young added. Song, "How Firm a Foundation." Prayer by Apostle M. W. Merrill. Song, "Redeemer of Israel."

Apostle Heber J. Grant. Topics treated. Said he was exceedingly happy in being present today; he could not fully express his appreciation. His trip to Japan, barring sea-sickness, was very pleasant. In Portland on the way held a street meeting and enjoyed great liberty of spirit; before that time was prejudiced against street preaching. While in Japan was interviewed and wrote for the papers; his articles invariably received by the newspapers. Had met prominent people and they were of the opinion that the *Japan Mail* had been "knocked out" in the discussion over the boarding house incident.<sup>1</sup> Thousands of Japanese people talk English, but we did not preach in English because we were sent to learn the language. He felt that it would be about impossible for him and Brother [Louis A.] Kelsch to learn that tongue. As to the people they are very curious and inquisitive. Felt that there was going to be a wonderful conversion in the land; his first baptism was a Shinto priest by name of H. Nakazawah, Mch. 8, 1902, and second

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<sup>1</sup> The missionaries were evicted from their boarding house.

baptism, a young man by the name of Saburo Kikuchi, Mch. 10, 1902; the first had sacrificed a salary of what would be \$150 or \$200 in our money. No Shinto priest has ever before been baptized into the Christian religion. Ten young students had applied for baptism, but he felt they did not sufficiently understand the gospel. Felt that the gospel would be accepted by the higher classes rather than the middle classes, the latter being very superstitious. The industry and frugality of the Japanese are something marvelous. Had employed a native of Japan—the strongest writer in that country in favor of Christianity—to write a book favorable to Mormonism, at a cost of \$200. A good deal of immorality exists among the Japanese people. Was very happy while away from home, and the time passed quickly.

Minutes were read and approved. Adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow. Benediction by Apostle Cowley.

#### **Thursday, 3 April 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 10 a.m. Continuation of quarterly meetings of the Twelve. Present: Pres. Brigham Young, and Apostles Geo. Teasdale, Heber J. Grant, Jno. W. Taylor, Marriner W. Merrill, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, and Hyrum M. Smith; also the Presidency and Patriarch Jno. Smith. Song, "A Poor Wayfaring Man of Grief." Prayer by Pres. Young, with Apostle Grant mouth in the circle. Song, "Zion Stands with Hills Surrounded."

#### ***Reports***

Pres. Young. Topics treated. Said a delegation of leading men at Mesa had waited upon him for purpose of finding fault with the conditions in Maricopa Stake. Felt that there should be an overhauling of that stake of Zion. He was informed by Pres. Smith that apostles would soon be sent there to effect a change.

Apostle Teasdale spent Sunday in Nephi and attended fast meeting. Apostle Taylor attended the funeral of Sister [Laduska] Grover in Farmington. Apostle Grant gave a report of his mission to Japan, covering practically the same ground as at yesterday's meeting. Apostle Merrill attended fast meeting last Sunday and visited the sick. Apostle Cowley preached to the young people of Fielding last Sunday evening. Apostle Smoot attended fast meeting at Provo. Said that Brother Geo. H. Brimhall was a very sick man,

his condition being due to overwork.

The Presidency, Jno. Smith, and Hyrum M. Smith attended fast meeting Sunday at the temple, and later the Presidency and Apostle Clawson attended the funeral service of J. S. Brown in the assembly hall. The verbal reports were approved.

Apostle Clawson read a comprehensive financial report covering the receipts and disbursements of the trustee-in-trust for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from all sources for the year 1901, totals as follows:

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1901	588,610.89
Receipts	1,860,347.01
	total 2,448,957.90
Disbursements	1,757,955.99
Balance on hand, Jan. 2, 1902	\$691,001.91

Also statement of revenues and expenses for the year 1901, totals as follows:

Revenues	1,627,054.85
Expenses	924,659.25
Total excess of revenues over expenses	\$702,395.60

The above excess of revenues, or margin, was used in part as follows:

Cancelled outstanding notes	268,212.40
Paid on <i>Deseret News</i> new building	275,085.45
Capital stocks purchased	58,926.00
Real estate purchased	11,122.90
	613,346.75

The clerk read an interesting letter from Apostle Lyman, in which he described his visit to the city of Jerusalem. The letter was written from the latter place. Upon request of young Geo. Cannon, the council consented to the organization of a society composing the elders of the German Mission.

The presidency of the Utah Stake wrote, recommending the division of Provo into six wards for the general good of the saints there. Recommendation adopted, or rather the letter was referred to the visiting apostles at the next quarterly conference with power to act.

A letter was read from Pres. Thos. E. Bassett of the Fremont Stake, in which he recommended that the south part of the Burton Ward be organized into a ward to be known as Independence. Recommendation approved. Pres. Bassett asked certain questions concern[ing] the appointment and standing of high councillors. The answer was that the new member of a high council has his standing in the quorum by date of ordination and takes number 12, all the other members advancing one number.

President Smith stated that the remains of Lot Smith had been brought up from Arizona for burial here and that the funeral would take place at Farmington next Tuesday at 1 p.m. Pres. Young and Cowley were appointed to attend said services. The clerk read a letter from Apostle Jno. H. Smith, who is doing a good work at Washington in opposing a constitutional amendment against polygamy.

The brethren at this point sat down to the sacrament, Pres. Brigham Young being mouth in blessing the bread and wine. Adjourned until July 1, 1902, at 10 a.m.

#### Friday, 4 April 1902

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 7 p.m. General priesthood meeting in the tabernacle, Pres. Smith presiding.

Pres. Jno. R. Winder was the first speaker. Topics treated. Congratulated the presidents of stakes and brethren upon the success of their operations during the year 1901 in the payment of tithes and other matters. The President anxious to see the church free from debt. Evil of indebtedness and placing mortgages on our homes. Fast offerings.

Pres. Anthon H. Lund. Topics treated. The evil of debt. Sacredness of the priesthood. Secret vices among the young people of Zion. Religion class work.

Bp. Wm. B. Preston. Topics treated. Tithes and offerings. Pres. Brigham Young. Topics treated. Power of the Priesthood. Apostle H. J. Grant. Topics treated. Gratified to be present at this conference. By reason of his absence, he was hungry to hear the gospel. Tithing. Debt. Pres. Smith. Topics treated. The evil of debt and mortgaging our homes. Tithing. Non-tithe-payers should be reduced in numbers. Secret vices. Blessed the brethren of the priesthood.

### Sunday, 6 April 1902

At 1:30 p.m. there was a meeting of the Presidency and Twelve at the office, and it was determined by unanimous vote that the following brethren should be presented at the general conference as assistant church historians: Andrew Jenson, Orson F. Whitney, A. Milton Musser, and B. H. Roberts. Pres. Smith stated that Jno. Smith, the patriarch, felt that his name should be presented before the conference immediately following the First Presidency, and not the Twelve, as has been the custom for a good many years heretofore. The President now presented the matter for the consideration of the brethren. Pres. Young said that so far as he was concerned, he was willing to accept any suggestion the Presidency might make in regard to this matter.

Apostle Jno. H. Smith said that he viewed this as a very important question that should not be decided hastily, as possibly it would involve the succession to the Presidency in the event of the President's death. Apostle Grant moved that consideration and action be deferred for the present and the patriarch's name presented as usual. Carried by unanimous vote.

### Monday, 7 April 1902

Salt Lake City. Cloudy in morning, heavy storm in afternoon. 10 a.m. Meeting of general and stake authorities at the assembly hall, President Smith presiding.

Pres. Jno. R. Winder was the first speaker. Topics treated: Financial condition of the church favorable; never better for years past. It is the purpose of the authorities to relieve the church of its indebtedness. The Latter-day Saints counseled to free themselves from debt. Report [has] gone out that the Presidency contemplated erecting a million-dollar hotel on the old *Deseret News* corner. This [is] not true, but a memorial building in honor of the Prophet Joseph and Patriarch Hyrum Smith is under contemplation for the future. The importance of looking after our water rights as a people. Was anxious to see the time when we would have means to purchase lands in Jackson County.

Reed Smoot. Topics treated. The importance of protecting our water rights. Pres. Brigham Young. Topics treated. Water rights; when the people quarrel over the water, the land will deteriorate and the water decrease.



Apostle Jno. H. Smith. Topics treated. Urged the importance of this matter of looking after our water rights and taking steps to secure the watersheds of this country. A motion prevailed to the effect that it be the sense of the meeting that the land commissioner at Washington be asked to withdraw from entry [into] our watersheds until such time as the rights of the people could be determined. Carried.

Pres. Smith made brief remarks showing the importance of protecting our watersheds. People should not move from one place to another to settle without counsel. Opposed to labor unions as well as secret orders.

Rudger Clawson. Topics treated. Said that the committee on church records was gratified to report a marked improvement in record keeping throughout Zion. The spirit of record keeping had also extended into the missions. This was true of the British Mission where Apostle Lyman had introduced the new forms but recently. The wisdom and propriety of having short meetings and commencing them on time, a matter that should have the attention of the authorities in all the stakes. The committee on records had in preparation a guide for acting teachers, which would embody instructions on the duties of teachers and a form for statistical data. Its adoption would be a great help to bishops in getting reports. Advised presidents of stakes and bishops of wards to encourage and maintain the custom recently adopted by the church, namely, to have the sisters sit with their heads uncovered in our meetings.

At 4 p.m. Apostle Reed Smoot entertained the First Presidency and Twelve at the home of Sister [Chloe Redfield] Eldredge, his mother-in-law. The wives of the brethren were also present. It was a delightful social gathering, and a very splendid dinner was served.

#### Thursday, 10 April 1902

Salt Lake City. Clear and cold. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Apostles Brigham Young, Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Heber J. Grant, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, and Patriarch Jno. Smith. Song, "A Poor Wayfaring Man of Grief." Prayer by

Apostle Jno. H. Smith, with Apostle Clawson mouth in the circle. Song, "Come All Ye Sons of God."

Minutes of March 27 and April 3, 1902, were read and approved. Stake conference appointments: Emery Stake, Presidents Smith and Winder; Utah, Apostles Clawson, Young, and Smoot; Apostles Jno. H. Smith and Teasdale also to Emery; Apostles H. J. Grant and A. O. Woodruff to Jno. Scowcroft's funeral, Ogden.

Apostle Grant desired to know when the brethren wished him to return to Japan. He said that, if it were agreeable to all, he would like to remain until after the June conference of the Y.M.M.I.A. It was decided by unanimous vote that he delay his departure until after that time.

Apostle Jno. H. Smith reported his recent visit east in the interest of the Latter-day Saints as being very satisfactory. There was some little discussion as to Elder Ephraim H. Nye's fitness for the presidency of the Eastern States Mission, as he was thought by some to be too austere in his ways; others of the brethren thought he would make a capable president. It was decided that inasmuch as he had been called to said presidency that no change be made for the present at least.

Apostle Clawson said that in view of the absence of President Winder when his financial report was submitted at the last meeting, he had prepared a skeleton of same, giving the essential points of importance, and would be pleased to read it, which he did. Upon motion of Apostle Jno. H. Smith the report was received and ordered to be placed on file and recorded. Benediction [by] Apostle Hyrum M. Smith.

### **Sunday, 13 April 1902**

Provo. Clear and cool. 10 a.m. Continuation of [Utah Stake] Conference, Pres. D. John presiding. Reed Smoot. Topics treated. He advised the presidents of Relief Societies and Young Ladies' organizations to teach the sisters the propriety of sitting in all public gatherings with their heads uncovered.

2 p.m. Continuation of conference, Pres. John presiding. Rudger Clawson. Topics treated. Dwelt upon the attributes of the Lord—as to his power, mercy, truth, and to the fact that he is no respecter of persons.

Apostle Reed Smoot. Topics treated. Announced that the division of Provo into six wards would not take place until next Sunday at 2 p.m. Weakness of Christianity in the world. The resurrection from the dead. The power of the priesthood United order. Patriarchal priesthood. Warned the saints against drummers and advised parents to keep their girls away from the depots.

#### Thursday, 17 April 1902

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Apostles Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Heber J. Grant, Marriner W. Merrill, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, and Jno. Smith, patriarch Song, "Come, Thou Glorious Day of Promise." Prayer by Apostle Smoot, with Pres. Winder mouth in the circle. Song, "O Ye Mountains High."

Minutes of April 10 were read and approved. Stake conference appointments: Weber, Apostles Teasdale and Woodruff and members of the First Presidency; San Luis, Apostle Jno. H. Smith; to effect division of Provo into 6 wards, Apostles Clawson and Smoot.

There was some discussion in regard to the reorganization of the presidency of the San Juan Stake, and it was decided that the matter be left with the visiting apostles at their next conference. L[emuel] H. Redd received favorable mention, as also his brother [Wayne H. Redd], in this connection. Apostles Jno. H. Smith and Smoot were appointed to visit Moab in the near future and look after the property interests of the church in that place.

Apostle Geo. Teasdale reported the visit of the Presidency and himself to the Emery Stake last Sunday and Monday. The conference was exceedingly interesting. Stake Pres. [Reuben G.] Miller recommended that a change be made in the bishopric of the Price Ward and that Wm. Henderson be called to succeed Ernest S. Horsley, the present bishop. The latter, though a good man, is very slow and, therefore, not equal to the situation. Recommendation adopted. Pres. Miller suggested that Brother Horsley be sent on a mission, but the brethren felt it was not a proper thing to send a man on a mission to get rid of him.

Apostle Grant reported the Saturday meetings of the Utah Stake Conference and said that he also attended the funeral of

Brother [John] Scowcroft in Ogden on Sunday. Apostle Woodruff was with him. In the evening there was a crowded meeting.

Apostle Clawson reported the Sunday meetings of the Utah Stake Conference, which he said were well attended. Among other things, tithing, morality, and the evil of young girls hanging around depots were touched upon.

Pres. Lund attended the funeral of Brother [Soren P.] Neve on Sunday. Apostle Jno. H. Smith attended the funeral of Elder Jno. Alford.

Apostle Grant said that he had just received a letter from Horace S. Ensign. One of the native converts had upon a certain occasion borne a good testimony, and he and Alma O. Taylor were able to understand about half what was said. In view of the difficulties of the language, he felt that this was encouraging. The clerk read an interesting letter from Apostle Lyman, dated Haifa, Mch. 17, 1902.

Apostle Teasdale called attention to the increasing responsibility resting upon the First Presidency and felt that it would be an eminently proper thing for these brethren to devote Saturday of each week to rest and recreation. The brethren present favored the suggestion, which was adopted by the Presidency.

Pres. Winder said that a young woman called upon him a few days ago and desired to know if the privilege of taking plural wives was now extended to the brethren of the church. She had understood that one high in authority said it was permissible. He informed her that she had been misinformed and Pres. Smith confirmed what Pres. Winder had said by stating that the Presidency had given no such authority and such marriages could not take place by the sanction of the church within the United States. Benediction by Apostle Hyrum M. Smith.

### **Sunday, 20 April 1902**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and mild. 7:55 a.m. Left for Provo to attend meeting at 2 p.m. and assist in dividing Provo (4 wards) into 6 wards, arriving at 9:30. I was driven to a meeting of the presidency of the stake and high council, Apostle Smoot being present, where some preliminary talk was indulged in regarding the division, and the names of brethren presented to occupy the new positions created and to fill some vacancies in the old ward

bishoprics. A spirit of harmony prevailed. The names will be presented this afternoon.

At 1:30 p.m. [there was a] meeting of the apostles, stake presidency, and brethren newly-called to office. The latter were given an opportunity to express themselves as to whether they would receive the appointments; all expressed a willingness to do so, except one.

2 p.m. General meeting of the 4 wards of Provo at the tabernacle, Pres. David John presiding. The first speaker was Reed Smoot. Topics treated. Said he was gratified with the large attendance and suggested that the voting be done by wards, the saints rising to their feet with uplifted hand. He then named the division lines of the six wards, which were approved by unanimous vote.

There were two opposing votes [to the Provo Sixth Ward Bishopric]. The objections brought by the parties in opposition were later investigated and found to be of a very flimsy character. A resolution involving the equal division of the Provo church property among the six wards was passed.

Brief remarks of acceptance were made by the five new bishops chosen. I made remarks upon the duties of a bishop.

#### **Thursday, 24 April 1902**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cool. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Apostles Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Heber J. Grant, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, and Jno. Smith, patriarch. Song, "O Zion, When I Think of Thee." Prayer by Apostle [John Henry] Smith, with Geo. Teasdale mouth in the circle. Song, "When Shall We All Meet Again."

Minutes of April 16 read and approved. Conference appointments: Fremont, Apostle Woodruff; Alpine, Hyrum M. Smith; Cache, Apostle Clawson; Moab to attend to special business, Apostles Jno. H. Smith and Smoot.

#### ***Reports***

Apostle Teasdale attended the Weber Stake Conference, and meetings were well attended. Apostle Grant attended the funeral of Elder Jno. B. Furster and also spoke at the tabernacle in the afternoon.

Apostle Woodruff reported the San Luis Stake Conference. Had a good time. With a population of 2121 there were only 16 marriages in 1899 and about the same number in 1900; he thought this a very bad showing. Apostle Woodruff read a letter addressed to him from Apostle Cowley, Big Horn Stake, who said that the people there were greatly in need of \$2000 to buy seed wheat for the coming year, and he hoped the trustee-in-trust would loan them that amount. It was later decided by unanimous vote that this be done.

Apostle Clawson reported the division of Provo into six wards and submitted the names of those who had been called to the bishopric. Apostle Reed Smoot was also at Provo.

Pres. Lund attended the funeral of Elder Furster, and Pres. Winder attended a meeting in the East Mill Creek Ward. The reports were approved by unanimous vote.

Apostle Clawson called attention to the fact that there is a lack of uniformity in the church in ordaining men to the priesthood; for example, some of the brethren in ordaining a man to be a high priest would first confer upon him the Melchizedek Priesthood and then ordain him a high priest, while others would follow the usual procedure, i.e., ordain him a high priest conferring upon him all the keys, powers, and blessings pertaining to that calling in the Melchizedek Priesthood. Apostle Clawson felt that some action should be taken by the council in relation to this question, reminding the brethren that once before the matter was briefly discussed without decision. Pres. Smith asked for an expression from the brethren, who responded, some of them favoring the first form given and others the second form.

Pres. Smith said that, while he took the view that both forms were correct and would not favor any action looking to a change of the present procedure, he considered the first form the simplest and most direct, and accorded with the definition of the priesthood given in Sec. 107, Book of D.&C.

Apostle Grant said that he desired to make some recommendations relative to the Japanese Mission, but as the time was far spent, he would ask for a hearing at the next meeting. Granted.

Before adjournment, however, Pres. Smith said that it would be perfectly agreeable to the brethren for Heber to take his wife with him to Japan, if he desired it, also the wife of Brother Horace

Ensign. When Heber was ready to return, he thought it would be wise and proper for him to take three or four bright young men with him—young men who could readily learn the language.

### **Sunday, 27 April 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 7 a.m. Left for Logan to attend the Cache Stake Conference, arriving at 10:40 a.m. I was immediately driven to the tabernacle, where the conference was in session.

Apostle Marriner W. Merrill. Topics treated. Testified that Jos. Smith was a prophet of God. The Latter-day Saints founded upon a rock. The evil of secret societies. Completeness of the church organization. Faultfinding. Exercising faith for and nursing the sick. We should counsel with the priesthood and our families. The saints should not move from one place to another to make new homes without counseling with the priesthood.

2 p.m. Continuation of conference, Pres. [Joseph] Morrell presiding. The first speaker was R. Clawson. Topics treated. The division of the stake [was] a great blessing. Showed how the Latter-day Saints had progressed to a height beyond the comprehension of the world. Pointed to the fact that the people of the world knew nothing of the Holy Ghost, temple work and building, or the priesthood. Alluded briefly to the duties of a bishop in training the lesser priesthood. The work for the dead.

Bp. [William B.] Preston. Topics treated. Early conditions. Education. Temple work. Training of children. Good order in our meetings. Apostle M. W. Merrill. Topics treated. Temple work.

### **Thursday, 1 May 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Smith, Winder, and Lund, and Apostles B. Young, Jno. H. Smith, George Teasdale, Heber J. Grant, Jno. W. Taylor, Marriner W. Merrill, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, Patriarch Jno. Smith, and Geo. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "O Give Me Back My Prophet Dear." Apostle Merrill was mouth in prayer, and Apostle Taylor in the circle. Song, "The Time Is Far Spent." Minutes of the 24 April were read and approved.

### ***Reports***

visit of himself and Apostle Smoot to Moab. Apostle Teasdale reported the Juab Stake Conference. While there high councillors Bryan and Frankum resigned, and their places were filled by Thos. Belleston and Timothy Hoyt. Good conference.

Apostle Taylor reported his recent visit to Canada with Jesse Knight on sugar factory business. While there attended meetings in Magrath. People prospering. They expect to raise 150,000 bushels of grain the coming year. Brother [Ephraim P.] Ellison intends to build a flouring mill near Magrath at a cost of \$35,000.

Apostle Merrill reported the Cache Stake Conference, at which Apostle Clawson was also present. The attendance was large and meetings spirited.

Apostle Cowley reported his visit to the Big Horn Stake. The conference was held at Cowley. A priesthood meeting was called before he left. The people are laboring under some difficulties incident to the settlement of new countries, but are getting along fairly well. Church population about 1500—poor in circumstances. Felt that, if Apostle Woodruff could spend two or three weeks among the people there, good would result.

A. O. Woodruff reported the Fremont Stake Conference. Excellent time. Ordained 5 bishops while there, as follows: Burton Ward, Conrad Walz, bishop; Independence Ward, Andrew P. Anderson, bishop; Lyman Ward, Casey P. Bowen, bishop; Archer Ward, Geo. Briggs, bishop; Parker Ward, Daniel G. Miller, bishop. If it were the wish of the Presidency, he would willingly take trip to the Big Horn as he felt that the saints there needed attention. The Presidency felt that it would be wise for him to go. He also further reported the ordination of David Robinson and Jno. J. Johnson, Fremont Stake, as patriarchs, and Hyrum Ricks and Ezra Christiansen, alternate high councillors.

Apostle Hyrum M. Smith attended the Alpine Stake Conference. Pres. Lund was present at a Sunday School conference at Provo. Pres. Winder reorganized the bishopric of the East Jordan Ward with Jos. B. Wright, bishop. Pres. Smith attended the funeral of Peter Reid. Reports were approved.

Stake conference appointments: Wayne, R. Clawson; Summit, H. J. Grant; Woodruff, one of the seventies; Oneida, Apostle Cowley.

The clerk read a letter from the presidency of the Wayne



Stake, in which they asked for an appropriation of \$1000 to assist them in building a canal for the benefit of the Torrey Ward now in course of construction. Letter referred to the visiting apostle.

Apostle Grant made some suggestions respecting the Japanese Mission. Said he didn't wish to take his family with him simply on permission, as had been granted, but desired to know if the brethren felt that it would be a wise and proper thing to do. The matter was discussed and it became the unanimous feeling and sentiment of the brethren that he should take a wife and one daughter and also the wife of Horace Ensign. He was instructed to use his judgment as to whether he would honorably release Elder [Louis A.] Kelsch, who it was thought could not acquire the language. Adjourned until 3 p.m.

3 p.m. Continuation of morning meeting. Apostle Grant again took up the question of the Japanese Mission and spoke in regard to the importance of translating our tracts into that language. This should be done at once. Alma Taylor, though not able to translate, can understand the language sufficiently to know if the spirit of the translation is correct. The suggestion was approved by unanimous vote. Pres. Smith suggested that the Twelve take up the matter of selecting some three or four young men to accompany Heber on his return in June.

Pres. Jno. R. Winder submitted the rules now used in the Salt Lake Temple, which were read and carefully revised and adopted for use in all the temples. Among other rules the following was approved: that where couples, who have never had their endowments, are sealed under proper authority in distant places they should be instructed to come to the temple when opportunity offered, have their endowments, and be resealed over the altar, but if the opportunity never came the first sealing would stand. Benediction by Pres. Brigham Young.

### Sunday, 4 May 1902

Teasdale. Clear and cool; wind blowing. 7 a.m. Left for Loa, arriving at 9 a.m.

11 a.m. First session of [Wayne Stake] Conference, Pres. Willis E. Robison presiding. Pres. W. E. Robison. Topics treated. Reported a good spirit prevailing in the stake. Progress of the work of God in the world.

Jos. W. McMurrin. Topics treated. Difficulties attendant upon colonizing new countries by the Latter-day Saints—such places as Arizona, Canada, Big Horn, &c. Latter-day Saints should not move from place to place without counsel.

2 p.m. Continuation of conference, Pres. Robison presiding. R. Clawson. Topics treated. The colonizing and building up of Zion. The obstacles to be overcome have a tendency to develop and strengthen faith and will qualify the saints to build up Jackson County. The people of Wayne Stake should be contented, happy, and full of gratitude.

At 5:30 p.m. we—Brother [Joseph W.] McMurrin and myself—had an interview with a young sister by the name of Nancy Hunt, who had been charged with the crime of incest with her father. The latter is now in the penitentiary, having been convicted in the courts of the land of said crime and sentenced to a term of ten years. From all we could learn, the evidence adduced pointed strongly to his guilt. The girl now comes to the church, claims she is innocent, and asks for justice. She gave birth to an illegitimate child, but claims that she was drugged and ravished by some stranger. Her story is very loose, and rather convinces one that she is lying. The matter was taken under advisement.

It was later decided to give Nancy Hunt a church trial, and the bishop of her ward—Bp. [Levi C.] White—was instructed to institute early proceedings in the case.

#### **Thursday, 8 May 1902**

Salt Lake City. Ten a.m. Meeting of the brethren at the temple. Present: Presidents Joseph F. Smith, John R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Apostles Brigham Young, George Teasdale, Heber J. Grant, John W. Taylor, Marriner W. Merrill, Matthias F. Cowley, Rudger Clawson, and Hyrum M. Smith, and Patriarch John Smith. The brethren clothed. Song, "Guide Us, O Thou Great Jehovah." Brother Cowley was mouth in prayer, and Brother Merrill at the altar. The brethren disrobed. Song, "Ye Who Are Called to Labor and Minister for God." Conference appointments: Wasatch, Brother Grant; South San Pete, Brother Smoot; Bingham, Brother Teasdale.

#### ***Reports***

Apostle Teasdale attended the monthly priesthood meeting of

the Juab Stake last Saturday at Nephi. Ordained Albert Henry Belliston high priest and set him apart as second counselor to Bishop Wm. H. Pettigrew of Nephi. While at the tithing office a small boy came in to pay his tithing. He was very regular in observing this law and he felt to bless him. Reported that a Josephite is flooding that part of the country with tracts, endeavoring to show that Brigham Young had no authority to build up the church of God.

Apostle Heber J. Grant reported the Summit Stake Conference, which was held at Kamas. At the monthly priesthood meeting held last Saturday, all the bishops were present but one and he sent in an excellent excuse. Conference was well attended. He was present at a conjoint meeting Sunday night, and the reports made were very satisfactory. Before leaving he laid the southeast cornerstone of the Kamas new meeting house. \$208 was contributed at the time to assist in the erection of the building. Bishop Danl. Lambert of Kamas makes a good bishop. Brother Moses W. Taylor, he felt, had done a grand work in Summit Stake. Held a meeting Monday night in Coalville.

Apostle John W. Taylor reported his attendance at the Jordan Stake Conference last Sunday and Monday, held in the Draper Ward. Presidents Smith and Lund and Apostle Hyrum M. Smith were present. They had an excellent conference. Brother Taylor said he was well pleased with the spirit of President [Hyrum] Goff. Attended conjoint meeting Sunday night, at which there was a splendid feeling manifested. President Smith, Hyrum M. Smith, and himself ordained twelve high priests. People of Draper have built a substantial meeting house. Spoke of the custom of alternating the stake conferences, as result[ing] in good. Some of the meeting houses, however, are too small. Thought the plan of a model meeting house should be drawn up by an architect, which might be used to advantage in wards that were thinking to build.

Apostle M. W. Merrill said that, in connection with Brothers Cowley and [Melvin J.] Ballard he attended conference at Oneida Stake last Sunday and Monday. Although the weather was unfavorable, attendance at the meeting was good. Gave the West Canal Company encouragement. Said the canal they were building was one of the largest ever undertaken in Cache Valley. There are some 30,000 acres principally owned by our people under the canal.

Ordained Jos. J. Hill, a high councillor. Not being in very good health, he did not attend the Monday meeting. Apostle Cowley reported his attendance at the conjoint meeting Sunday night and said that the attendance at conference on Monday was larger than on the Sabbath day.

Brother Clawson reported the Wayne Stake Conference of last Sunday and Monday. He was accompanied by Bro. Jos. W. McMurrin. In accordance with instructions of the brethren, he visited the Torrey Ward and carefully inspected the canal that was in course of construction. He was prepared, he said, to verify the statements made by the presidency of the Wayne Stake in their communication to the First Presidency. The people had shown forth good faith and determination in carrying forward this enterprise. Some \$2200 in labor had already been expended by the people under adverse circumstances, and it would require some \$1,800 to complete the work. Should the people there fail in this undertaking, it means the breaking up of the Torrey Ward. Brother Clawson now recommended, in view of the conditions set forth, that \$1,000 be appropriated to assist the people of the Torrey Ward in building the Center Irrigation Company canal—the money to be paid to Bishop John R. Stewart, as trustee, as soon as the earth work between the head of the canal and the Torrey Ward (some 6 miles) is entirely completed; the church to receive \$1,000 in capital stock of the Center Irrigation Company.

Brother Clawson further reported that he had made some inquiries in relation to the case of Nancy Hunt, who had been charged with the crime of incest and whose father [Jonathan Hunt] was serving a term of ten years in Utah penitentiary, having been convicted of said crime in the district court. From all that could be learned he had every reason to believe that she was guilty, although at the end of a two hours' interview, Bro. McMurrin being also present, she declared her innocence. The story she tells, however, in many respects is very flimsy. It was decided to give her a hearing before the bishop's court, and Bishop [Levi C.] White was instructed to take up the matter at an early date.

Patriarch John Smith attended fast meeting at the temple. President John R. Winder also attended fast meeting at the temple and a meeting in the evening at Farmers Ward. President Brigham Young attended fast meeting at the temple on Sunday. The reports

of the brethren were received, and their labors approved by unanimous vote.

Apostle John W. Taylor moved that \$1,000 be appropriated in accordance with the recommendation of Bro. Clawson. Seconded. Brother Merrill thought it not well to make recommendations of this character, where the expenditure of means was involved. He thought the matter ought to be left entirely in the hands of the trustee-in-trust, who is fully posted as to the financial condition of the church and who knows whether there is sufficient on hand to meet obligations that arise.

President Smith said that the idea was to assist the people of Torrey in a small way, and he simply desired to know if the brethren of the Twelve felt to approve it. We have not at our disposal sufficient means to make large appropriations for purposes of this nature.

Apostle Taylor took exception to the view expressed by Brother Merrill and felt that when the brethren were asked regarding such matters they should express themselves freely. Brother Clawson thought it a simple question. The presidency of the Wayne Stake had written a letter to the First Presidency in behalf of the people of Torrey Ward asking for help. The letter was referred by the brethren to the council for discussion and action. Brother Clawson was thereupon instructed to investigate the matter during his visit to the Wayne Stake, and he, therefore, felt perfectly justified in making his recommendation.

President Smith remarked that the reason the church could not assist the people in building the Cache Valley canal was because they asked for so large an amount; but the people at Torrey are very poor, and without the help sought after would suffer serious results. Therefore, if the brethren felt to sanction it, he would be pleased to make the appropriation. Where we have money in the bank and see an opportunity for investment, such as buying sugar stock, to benefit the church, the Presidency would feel at liberty to do so. As to matters involving large appropriations, we think it proper and wise to consult the council. I never would think, he said, of putting up a building like the *Deseret News* block without the unanimous approval of this council. The motion carrying an appropriation of \$1,000 to the Center Irrigation Company canal was carried by unanimous vote.

President Smith spoke briefly in reference to a tithing report of the Utah Stake read before the saints of that stake at the last conference. He did not believe, he said, it would be wise and prudent for us to show our hand in these matters. It excites the cupidity, covetousness, and criticism of the people. To show what is received by the church and not what is paid out is manifestly unfair and imprudent, and should not be done.

President John R. Winder was opposed to such things, and said that aside from the tithing paid by Jesse Knight the people of that stake did not pay as much tithing into the church as was disbursed locally. One third of all the tithing paid into the church is expended locally.

President Joseph F. Smith referred to financial conditions and said that the trustee-in-trust has on deposit in the bank about \$240,000, but the tithing is falling off, and we will have \$30,000 interest on church bonds to meet in the near future. There will be some revenue from the *Deseret News* building, if it is ever completed, but the work goes on very slowly, and something like eight or ten thousand dollars is paid out weekly to meet this obligation. President John R. Winder said that the erection of the [temple] annex means an expenditure of \$100,000, which will be required on or before October 1902.

Brother Clawson said that he desired to mention another subject that was on his mind. He felt that an injustice towards some of the saints existed in Zion. The obligation to preach the gospel rested generally upon the elders of Israel. Some, however, because of the engrossing affairs of life, were exempt in a great measure from this duty. He referred, he said, to the wealthy brethren among our people, and in one case a young man, a banker, was called to take a mission. He reported that to leave home for this purpose would be very hurtful to his affairs and he proffered to pay \$25 a month in lieu of missionary work. He was excused and the \$25 a month, which was paid for two years, was used to assist two of his poorer brethren in their missionary labors abroad. Brother Clawson felt that the obligation to preach the gospel should be borne by the rich as well as the poor, and where the rich cannot go they should contribute of their means to strengthen and assist their needy brethren.

President Smith said he thought it would be well for the

brethren of the Twelve to take this matter into consideration. Motion for adjournment prevailed. Benediction by President Brigham Young.

### Thursday, 15 May 1902

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith and Jno. R. Winder, and Apostles Brigham Young, Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Heber J. Grant, Matthias F. Cowley, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, Jno. Smith, patriarch, and Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "Come, All Ye Sons of Zion." Pres. Jos. F. Smith was mouth in prayer, and Apostle Hyrum M. Smith in the circle. The brethren disrobed.

Pres. Smith spoke of an interview he recently had with Sister Ann W. Cannon, in which she represented that John Q., her husband, had been out of work since his father died and was, therefore, in needy circumstances, which was a matter of great anxiety to her. She referred to their condition with tears in her eyes. Pres. Smith remarked that he had a feeling of sympathy for them, and if employment could be found for Jno. Q. at the News office, or somewhere else, he thought it would be a good thing. One of the brethren stated that he had been informed that Jno. Q. was leading a dissipated life and did not enjoy the confidence of the Cannon family. Upon motion a committee of two, namely, Apostles Cowley and Clawson, were appointed to enquire into the matter and report to the council.

Minutes of May 1 and 8 were read and approved. An epistle from the First Presidency to the saints was submitted to the council, but owing to lack of time was only partially read, the balance to be taken up later. Conference appointments: Granite Stake, Pres. Jno. R. Winder and Apostle Hyrum M. Smith; San Juan, Pres. B. Young; Nebo Stake, Apostle Teasdale; Star Valley, Jos. W. McMurrin and J. G. Kimball.

### *Reports*

Pres. Brigham Young said he was sick last Sunday. Apostle Teasdale attended the Bingham Stake Conference. Said the Lost River Branch was severed from the N.W. States Mission and attached to the Bingham Stake. Eli McIntyre was released from the high council and made president of the high priest quorum, and

Jos. Holland was set apart as a high councillor to succeed him.

R. Clawson reported the attendance of himself and Apostle Smoot to the South San Pete Stake Conference. The meetings were held in a bowery in Mayfield and were well attended. The people were gratified to have the conference there.

Apostle Smoot reported his recent visit to the San Pete Stakes in the interest of the Snow Academy. A strong effort is being made to complete the building. He suggested that ten scholarships be offered for \$1000 each (that is to say, anyone accepting this offer would have the privilege of sending a scholar to the academy at any time during the donor's life); he also suggested that twenty people be asked to donate \$500 each and a large number \$100 each. His recommendation adopted by the trustees of the academy.

Apostle Hyrum M. Smith attended meeting at home, as also Jno. Smith, patriarch. The First Presidency attended the funeral of Elder Guy Hill. Song, "Know This, That Every Soul Is Free." Benediction by Apostle Teasdale.

4 p.m. Attended prayer circle. Our new home is nearing completion; the painters are through, and the calciminer has just finished tinting the rooms. The mantels are being put in place, and carpets will be laid next week.

### **Monday-Wednesday, 19-21 May 1902**

Salt Lake. Stormy part of the time, and cool. I spent these three days in Salt Lake and was busily engaged part of the time at the President's office, copying my annual financial report of the church into a book bound for that purpose. On Wednesday I attended three meetings: namely, at 10 a.m. executive committee of the Utah Light and Power Co., at 4 p.m. general board of the religion classes, and at 5 p.m. general board of the Y.M.M.I.A.

### **Thursday, 22 May 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Apostles Geo. Teasdale, Heber J. Grant, Marriner W. Merrill, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, Patriarch Jno. Smith, and Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "O Say, What Is Truth?" Prayer by Pres. Lund, with Reed Smoot mouth in the circle. Song,



"Come, O Thou King of Kings." Minutes of meeting of May 15 read and approved.

### *Reports*

Apostle Teasdale attended the Nebo Stake Conference, Sunday and Monday, held at Santaquin. Good attendance and good reports. He felt that the dividing of the Utah Stake had accomplished great good. Tuesday attended a Relief Society conference at Nephi. While at Santaquin, he set apart August Swensen, a high councillor of that stake.

Apostle Grant attended the Granite Stake Conference. The Presidency and Apostle Hyrum Smith were also present. Sunday at 4 p.m. the funeral of Sister F. M. Bishop, daughter of Orson Pratt, was held.

Apostle M. W. Merrill attended ward conference at Providence. Corrected a little trouble that had arisen between the bishop and his people.

Apostle Clawson reported his attendance at a conference of the young people of Davis Stake. Elder Frank Smith was chosen president of the Y.M.M.I.A. of the stake to succeed Supt. Lee, removed to Canada. Elder Smith is a seventy and at the request of Elder [Brigham H.] Roberts, who was present, he retained his priesthood and was not ordained a high priest, as is the usual custom. Elder Roberts said that he was cognizant of a number of exceptions to this rule. Apostle Clawson now submitted the question to the council for action.

Apostle Smoot reported that he had attended a number of meetings in San Pete Stake in the interest of the Snow Academy during the past week with gratifying success. He felt that the erection of said building, though expensive, will be a success.

Apostle Grant reported the ordination by himself on Wednesday of Robert Sherwood, as bishop of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Ward, Salt Lake Stake. Conference appointments: Box Elder, R. Clawson; Millard, Geo. Teasdale; Benson, M. W. Merrill; Teton, Hyrum Smith.

Relative to the ordination of stake supt.'s of Y.M.M.I.A., Pres. Smith said that the only reason they had been ordained high priests was due to the ruling of Pres. Jno. Taylor, who claimed that the presiding offices of the church belonged to the high priest. Pres. Smith remarked that an elder could as well preside when authorized by proper authority. It was decided by unanimous vote

that a man holding the high priesthood, namely, an elder, seventy, or high priest, would be eligible to the office of stake supt. Y.M.M.I.A. without further ordination.

The clerk read a letter from Pres. [Franklin S.] Bramwell of Union Stake and Nephi Pratt, pres. of the N.W. States Mission, in which they notified the brethren that the headquarters of said mission would be established at Spokane, Washington. The clerk also read a letter from Ben E. Rich, in which he called attention to the matter already mentioned to him by the Presidency and now recommended that the Southern States Mission be divided as follows: on the north, Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia, and Ohio; on the south, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, and South Carolina. Recommendation adopted by unanimous vote. Moved that the states on the north be called the Middle States Mission. Carried. Moved by Pres. Lund that Ben E. Rich be made president of the Middle States Mission. Carried. Moved by Apostle Smoot that Elder Ephraim H. Nye be transferred to the presidency of the Southern States Mission. Carried.

A letter was read from the presidency of the Utah Stake recommending Elder Geo. Ruff for bishop of Scofield Wd. to succeed Bp. [John E.] Ingles, who expects to move away from the ward. Recommendation adopted on motion of Apostle Clawson. They also reported the organization of a branch of the church at Clear Creek.

Apostle Smoot asked if it would be proper for a little deaf girl, whose parents are not members of the church, to be baptized for her health in the temple—the request coming from her mother. The answer was yes; there would be no impropriety in it.

Adjourned for two weeks. Benediction by Apostle [Patriarch] Jno. Smith.

### Friday, 23 May 1902

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. Having decided to do the temple work for my oldest boy [Rudger Elmo Clawson], who died Apr. 19, 1898, namely, to have his endowments [done] for him, accompanied by Lydia, I repaired to the temple at 8:45 a.m.

9 a.m. Usual meeting in the annex for the benefit of those who go through for ordinance work, Pres. Jno. R. Winder presiding. I

made brief remarks upon temple work and the sacredness and importance of the temple records. Pres. Winder also spoke briefly.

Sitting with others, I was ordained an elder for my son, Rudger Elmo, by Elder W. W. Riter. I then proceeded with the company and was washed, anointed, and endowed for him, getting through at 1:30 p.m. I am gratified and pleased in having done this very necessary work. I learned from the recorder that the first baptism for the dead in the Salt Lake Temple took place just nine years ago today.

### Monday-Wednesday, 2-4 June 1902

Salt Lake City. Weather favorable. During these three days we have been very busily engaged in moving into our new home, which is now completed and furnished. The following is a statement of the cost:

Amount paid by Lydia for the erection (and furnishing of the house in part)	[blank]
Value of land contributed by myself	1000
Amt. paid by myself, acct. furnishing and	300
Amt. paid by myself, acct. extras	170
Amt. paid by myself, acct. folding bed and mattress	92
Total	1562

The new home has been deeded to Lydia (this is, the land) and the old home still belongs to me, which will be of great value for renting purposes.

On Monday I went to the lake in the afternoon, where a celebration was in progress in honor of the birth of Pres. Brigham Young. On Wednesday afternoon I attended a meeting of the general board of religion classes at 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. a meeting of the general board of Y.M.M.I.A.

### Thursday, 5 June 1902

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Apostles Brigham Young, Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Heber J. Grant, Jno. W. Taylor, Marriner W. Merrill, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, Jno. Smith, patriarch, and Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk.

The brethren clothed. Song, "God Moves in a Mysterious Way." Apostle Grant was mouth in prayer, and Apostle Jno. H. Smith in the circle. Song, "I Know That My Redeemer Lives." The minutes of May 22 were read and approved.

### *Reports*

Apostle Brigham Young reported the San Juan Stake Conference held at Mancos in a new hall several weeks ago. Walter C. Lyman was made president with Wm. Hall and Wayne Redd as counselors. Peter Allen was ordained a high councillor in place of Jesse P. Steele, dropped. Stake increasing in number and people feeling well.

Apostle Jno. H. Smith attended the commencement exercises of the Beaver Branch of the B. Y. Academy, Provo. Said that it is a good school and exerts a good moral influence in the Beaver Stake. Attended the general M.I.A. conference in Salt Lake last week.

Apostle Teasdale attended the Millard Stake Conference at Scipio two weeks ago. The meetings were largely attended and were profitable. Last Sunday met with the saints at Nephi. Apostle Grant attended fast meeting at the temple a week ago Sunday, also officers meetings and M.I.A. conference last week.

Apostle Taylor said that he had just returned from a trip to eastern Canada, where he went with Brother [David] Eccles to arrange for machinery for the sugar factory to be built at Raymond, Canada; also to see what could be done in regard to obtaining favorable freight rates. The trip was successful.

Apostle Merrill visited the Benson Stake in connection with Apostle Cowley a week ago. Good conference. Prospects for heavy crops were bright. Advised the Lewiston people to pipe the mountain water for culinary purposes. Said that in one of the northern stakes there was an organization known as a traveling prayer circle and asked if such an organization met the approval of the brethren. The answer was no, and Apostle Merrill was requested to report the matter to the president of the stake with proper instructions.

Apostle Woodruff said that he had addressed to the Presidency a written report of his recent visit to the Big Horn. He, however, remarked that the water was now running the entire length of the new canal.

Apostle Smoot attended meeting at Provo a week ago, [and] young people's conference on Sunday last.

Apostle Hyrum M. Smith reported the Teton Stake Conference held at Hayden a week ago last Sunday. There was much sickness among the people, hence a small attendance at meetings. Held meeting at Rexburg Monday night and at Idaho Falls Tuesday night. Last Sunday was present at Y.M.M.I.A. conference.

Apostle Clawson reported the attendance of Pres. Luid and himself at the Box Elder Stake Conference a week ago. He also attended the young people's conference.

Pres. Winder attended fast meeting at temple a week ago, Primary conference at assembly hall on Saturday last, and young people's conference on the day following.

Pres. Smith said that an impression seemed to be among the saints that plural marriages were being authorized by the authorities at the present time. He was emphatic in saying that such was not the case.

Meeting adjourned until 3 p.m. Benediction by Jno. W Taylor.

3 p.m. The same brethren were in attendance as at the morning session. A general epistle of the First Presidency to the active workers in the ministry was read, amended, and approved upon motion of Apostle Clawson.

Apostle Smoot said that Emma Ramsay, who is studying music and voice culture in Paris, was desirous of making a loan from the church of \$1000 to complete the course. He thought her worthy and recommended that the loan be made. After some discussion, it was decided that the church could not very well accede to her request, as it would be setting a dangerous precedent. It was thought that the loan should be made by private parties, and Pres. Smith remarked that if she were unable to return the money, he would see that they lost nothing.

Apostle Grant moved that in view of the fact that no liquor was being sold at the beach, it be the sense of the meeting that we request the First Presidency to instruct the bishops of adjacent wards that it would be expected of them to patronize Saltair the coming season and use their influence to have others to do so. Carried.

the circumstances of Jno. Q. Cannon. They said that he was in rather poor circumstances financially, but they had learned that he was thoroughly dishonest and unreliable, and they could not, therefore, recommend that the church furnish him employment—in fact, there was no vacancy where he could be used. Benediction by Apostle Merrill.

### **Wednesday, 11 June 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and hot. At 5 p.m. I attended a meeting of the general board of the Y.M.M.I.A. at the President's office. At 6 p.m. an adjournment was taken to the home of Apostle Heber J. Grant, where a conjoint meeting was held with the young ladies' board. During the evening refreshments were served. Very little business was transacted, although it would be proper to record that a resolution was passed to the effect that the two boards would use their influence to have the young people of our associations patronize Saltair this season. During the evening brief speeches were [given] by Pres. Smith, Apostle Cowley, myself, B. H. Roberts, Augusta W. Grant, and Sister [Ruth M.] Fox, in which the speakers expressed their appreciation of being present and invoked the blessings of the Lord upon Brother and Sister Grant as they journeyed to the land of Japan, the former to resume his missionary labors.

Pres. Smith remarked in part that Brother Grant had been greatly blessed of the Lord in being called to open the door of the gospel to the Japanese nation, and this honor would attach to his name forever, if he would continue faithful. He would have the prayers and faith of his brethren.

Apostle Grant made brief remarks and showed how the Lord had opened his way for financial relief since he was called to this duty. He was owing over \$1,000,000 when he took his departure for Japan and he was now free from this heavy burden. It was marvelous, he said, what the Lord had done for him.

### **Thursday, 12 June 1902**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cooler. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Anthon H. Lund, and Jno. R. Winder, and Apostles Brigham Young, Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Heber J. Grant, Jno. W. Taylor, Matthias F. Cowley,

Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Hyrum M. Smith, and Jno. Smith, patriarch, and Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "Let Us Pray, Gladly Pray." Pres. Winder was mouth in prayer, and Apostle Woodruff was mouth in the circle. Song, "Think Not When You Gather to Zion." Minutes of June 5 were read and approved.

Apostle Woodruff's written report of his labors in the Big Horn Stake was read. Details were given as to the building of the canal, which cost \$100,000. 20,000 acres had been brought under cultivation. The presidency of the Big Horn Stake were faithful and capable men. Apostle Clawson moved that the report be received, approved, and placed on file. Carried.

The clerk read a letter from Pres. Wm. H. Seegmiller, reporting their last stake conference. The resignation of Wm. H. Clark, 2nd counselor, had been received and accepted, and Jas. C. Christiansen was recommended as his successor. Elder Chas. L. Bean had been chosen to fill a vacancy in the high council. It was recommended that Leonard A. Hill be called to succeed Bp. Jno. Anderson of Burrville, removed to Canada. Recommendations approved.

The clerk read a letter from Pres. Collins Hakes regarding the Indian Mission of the Maricopa Stake. Said that many of the Indians were progressing favorably in a knowledge of the gospel. Gave a detailed report of the annual expenditure of the church appropriation. Upon motion of Apostle Jno. H. Smith, Collins Hakes was appointed to take charge of the Indian Mission, as successor to Henry Rogers, deceased, and it was decided that he be allowed \$1000 per year. It became the sense of the council that a number of names be submitted to Pres. Hakes, from which to choose a counselor in the stake presidency. Here follows the names: Frank T. Pomeroy, Elder [Isaac] Dana, Bp. [James M.] Horne, and Carl Johnson.

### *Reports*

Pres. Jno. R. Winder and Apostle Jno. H. Smith attended Relief Society conference of the Salt Lake Stake in the assembly hall last Saturday, and Apostles Jno. H. Smith, R. Clawson, and Hyrum M. Smith attended the Salt Lake Stake Conference on Sunday, which was an interesting and profitable occasion. Apostle Smith said he felt that the brethren should take up a labor with the young people on good behavior in our meetings. He cited a

case where strangers had found fault with some of our young people for disturbing one of the tabernacle meetings and wearing their hats.

Apostle Grant attended young people's conference at Lehi last Sunday, and Apostle Jno. W. Taylor attended meetings at Farmington. Apostle Cowley, accompanying Pres. Smith, attended commencement exercises at B. Y. College, Logan, on Friday, and also reported his attendance at Pocatello Stake Conference on Sunday and Monday. Albert M. Boyce was ordained bishop of McCammon.

Pres. A. H. Lund and Apostle Smoot attended the North San Pete Stake Conference, and Pres. Jno. R. Winder was present at the Granite Stake Sunday School Conference on Sunday. Apostle Clawson said he had made an investigation relative to the fourth volume of the *History of Utah* and found that the church is in no wise obligated to bear an[y] part of the expense of its publication; that the manuscript is now ready for the printer and bids are being sought by the Geo. Q. Cannon Co., who are prepared to meet the expense, with an idea of delivering the book at the next Oct. conference.

Pres. Smith announced that a letter had been written by Mrs. May Wright Sewall, president of the National Council of Women, to Susa Y. Gates inviting her to go with Mrs. Sewall to an important convention to be held in Copenhagen in the near future. Pres. Smith desired to know how the brethren felt about it. It was the unanimous feeling of the meeting that we should take advantage of every such opportunity of association with the prominent women of America and that Susa should go.

Pres. Smith stated that there is now an opportunity for the church to acquire valuable land and water rights in the Payette country, Idaho, and invited the views of the brethren. After some discussion, it was moved that a committee be appointed by the President to look into the matter at once. He named Apostles Woodruff, Hyrum M. Smith, and Elder Chas. W. Nibley.

It was ascertained that the Presidency and most of the Twelve present and Jno. Smith, pat., would accept an invitation to attend the reunion of the presiding priesthood of the Box Elder Stake to be held June 14, 1902. Benediction by Apostle Cowley.



### Saturday, 14 June 1902

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 7 a.m. Accompanied by Lydia, I left for Brigham City to attend a reunion of the presiding priesthood of the Box Elder Stake. As invited guests, the following were on the train: Presidents Jno. R. Winder and Anthon H. Lund, and Apostles Matthias F. Cowley, Heber J. Grant, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, and Hyrum M. Smith, Jno. Smith, patriarch, Bishop Wm. B. Preston, Lewis W. Shurtliff, Bp. Hiram B. Clawson, and their wives, and several others. The train arrived at 9:30 a.m. and the party was met at the depot by carriages and were driven to various homes.

The opera house had been selected for place of meeting, which was called to order at 10:30 a.m., Pres. Chas. Kelly presiding. Present: the visitors named above, the presidency of the stake, the high council, bishopric[s] of the wards, presiding elders over branches, and presidencies of the elders quorums—in all about 250. The following interesting and entertaining program was carried out, consuming about two hours of time.

#### *Program*

Opening remarks, Pres. Chas. Kelly. He bid the visitors and all present a warm and hearty welcome. Said the priesthood of the stake were united.

Remarks, Pres. Jno. R. Winder. He regretted the absence of Pres. Jos. F. Smith, who, he said, could not be present. Remembered the enjoyable visit of the temple workers to Brigham some years ago, which was a pleasant affair. He expected to have a happy time today, but this occasion is mingled with regret because of the absence from our midst of Presidents Woodruff, Cannon, [and] Snow, who were here with the temple party. Spoke of the prediction made by Pres. Woodruff upon that occasion, when he said that the power of the enemy should be broken and they should not have power to prevail against the saints. He also predicted that great judgments should go forth, and the brethren and sisters were impressed with the news that came over the wires next day to the effect that the president [Sadi Carnot] of the French Republic had been assassinated. Invoked the blessings of the Lord upon the priesthood of the Box Elder Stake.

Remarks, Apostle Rudger Clawson. Quoted from a revelation given to Pres. Brigham Young in 1847 at Winter Quarters, wherein

the Lord instructed the saints to prepare to go to a land of peace. Pointed to our surroundings and the history of the church in these mountains to show how the promise of the Lord had been literally fulfilled. Spoke of the notable cities built by the Latter-day Saints and remarked that Brigham was one of these notable cities—a city that is named after the great pioneer and colonizer, prophet, seer, and revelator, Pres. Brigham Young. This beautiful city, he said, was founded by the late Pres. Lorenzo Snow. Quoted further from the revelation: “Go your way, and do as you are told and your enemies shall not prevail against you, for they shall not have power to stop my work. And if any man shall seek to build himself up, and seeketh not the counsel of the Lord, he shall have no power and his folly shall be manifest.” The truth of these words had been apparent all through our experience as a people. Our ene[mies] have not prevailed against us, and those who have turned from the counsel of the Lord have had no power, and their names are almost forgotten.

Remarks, Apostle Heber J. Grant. Expressed his pleasure in being present. Said that to his knowledge the Box Elder Stake stood in the front ranks of the stakes, and this is gratifying to the general authorities. The only way we can grow and progress in this world is to perform the duties of each day.

Remarks, Apostle M. F. Cowley. His first visit to Brigham City, he said, occurred about 20 years ago. Since then he had made visits from time to time and had enjoyed himself. Said that there is room for improvement in all the stakes of Zion. Those who withdraw themselves from the counsels of the priesthood lose influence with others. Cited the case of an apostle of these latter days who, after turning away from the church, lost all influence with his wife and children. You have been blessed in this stake with the personal ministrations of Lorenzo Snow, who was an apostle and later president of the church, and also Brother Clawson, who is now an apostle. This has been of great advantage to you.

Remarks, Apostle A. O. Woodruff. This is the home of the late Pres. Snow. He hoped that the spirit of integrity which possessed the soul of that great man rests upon the priesthood of the Box Elder Stake. In speaking of men who could be trusted, Pres. Snow once said that there were 40 men in the Box Elder Stake (and there may have been others) whom he could absolutely trust and who

would not betray him in any important matter. This was a great thing to say. You have been blessed in having the ministrations of Pres. Snow and Apostle Clawson. Pres. Snow was a great friend to me and I loved him. The spirit of union characterizes the Box Elder Stake. Invoked the blessings of God upon the presidency thereof and the saints.

Remarks, Apostle Hyrum M. Smith. Said that his father (Pres Jos. F. Smith) could not be present as he was in attendance at the birthday reunion of the Heber C. Kimball family at Saltair. It is due that we honor our great leaders who have passed away, and it, therefore, becomes necessary to distribute the brethren of the authorities of the church. He was pleased to see entertainments, reunions, gatherings, excursions, &c., given under the direction and control of the priesthood. This would help us to maintain our influence over the saints.

Remarks, Pres. Anthon H. Lund. Contrasted the conditions in Box Elder with those that prevail in the San Pete Stakes, where the fruit has been destroyed by frost and the crops are threatened by the grasshoppers. A great effort is being put forth to rid that locality of this pest. Various methods have been adopted. Upon one occasion recently an entertainment was given and the price of admission was fixed at one half a bushel of grasshoppers. Seventy tickets were so sold, which netted 35 bushels of grasshoppers. Recited how the Lord had delivered his people from various evils in the past and would continue to bless them through their faithfulness. Spoke of the brethren of the priesthood as being watchmen upon the towers of Zion and said: Are you doing your duty? Are you teaching the people? Referring to the principle of obedience, said, we must submit to the priesthood. Many of the early elders and some of the apostles never learned that important lesson. Spoke of the Josephite church as being (so they claim) the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Ours is the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; it is not reorganized and never needed to be. Spoke of the great leaders of the church, namely, Joseph Smith, Brigham Young, Jno. Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, and Lorenzo Snow. They have filled their missions and passed away. Pres. Jos. F. Smith is the prophet, seer, and revelator of today and speaks with such authority that we feel the influence of his words. The Lord wants us to learn and exercise

the principle of faith. Blessed the people present and said: may you be active and faithful.

### **Sunday, 15 June 1902**

Brigham City. Clear and cool. 2 p.m. Meeting at the tabernacle, Pres. Chas. Kelly presiding.

Rudger Clawson was the first speaker. Topics treated. Reunion of the presiding priesthood of the Box Elder Stake yesterday. The securing of our mortal bodies a matter of supreme importance to every one of us—they are called in the revelations “the temples of God”; we should keep them undefiled.

Apostle Jno. H. Smith spoke upon the evils attending divorces, and also amusements for the young. Advised our people to patronize Saltair.

Apostle Heber J. Grant. Topics treated. Showed how people can become familiar with vice. Rejoiced in the knowledge that liquor is no longer sold at Saltair.

Apostle A. O. Woodruff. Topics. Rejoiced in the instructions of today's meetings. We do not always place proper value on the words and counsels of the Presidency. Our birth into the world not a matter of chance—we are here to accomplish a mission. We should be loyal to the priesthood and Presidency of the church.

Apostle Hyrum M. Smith. Topics. Breaking of the Sabbath day. Pres. Jno. R. Winder read from a revelation of the Lord to the Prophet Joseph Smith regarding the duty of the Latter-day Saints in keeping the Sabbath day holy.

Pres. Jos. F. Smith. Topics treated. It is a sad thing when Latter-day Saints indulge in the spirit of anger and profanity. The taking [of] the name of Deity in vain is an abomination to God. Did not believe in killing animals for the fun of the thing. It may be all right to kill for the purpose of appeasing hunger. Word of wisdom. The value of holding the priesthood. Those who mar their garments by cutting off the sleeves are covenant-breakers and will forfeit their blessings, if they do not repent. Counseled the people to get out of debt and keep out.

### **Thursday, 19 June 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H.

Lund, and Apostles Brigham Young, Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Heber J. Grant, Jno. W. Taylor, Marriner W. Merrill, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, and Jno. Smith, patriarch, and Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "Think Gently of the Erring One." Patriarch Jno. Smith was mouth in prayer, and Pres. Brigham Young in the circle. Song, "We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet."

Pres. Smith spoke strongly against the policy adopted by the town and county authorities, granting a right of way through Davis County along the county road. Said that the Presidency had called attention of the county commissioners to the folly of this and had counseled them against trifling away such a valuable right, but they have ignored the counsel. He wanted the visiting apostles to talk the matter up.

Conference appointments: Davis, Jno. W. Taylor, Heber J. Grant, and Hyrum M. Smith; Malad, Abraham O. Woodruff; Hyrum, M. W. Merrill and M. F. Cowley; Parowan, Rudger Clawson. The clerk read a letter from Elder E. H. Nye, dated Chattanooga, June 8, in which he reported that he had just arrived to take charge of the new Southern States Mission.

Elder Chas. Kingston wrote in reference to the Big Sandy country, Wyoming. Said that he was interesting eastern people in a project to build a canal through said country with an idea of our people coming in to make settlement. He further said that it is a choice tract of land and well timbered. The matter was referred to Apostle Woodruff to investigate.

Elder Jas. G. Duffin, president of the S.W. States Mission, made brief report by letter of the mobbing of two elders in Van Buren County, Arkansas. He said that he was seeking redress from the governor of the state. The clerk then read a letter from Brother Duffin addressed to the governor [Jeff Davis], setting forth the facts connected with the affair. His excellency replied that immediate steps would be taken to punish the guilty parties.

The church has been assisting Jno. Hafen, the artist, to support his family and pursue his artistic labors by allowing him \$100 per month, the church to be remunerated by the sale of his pictures, or rather, the church to receive his paintings in lieu of the allowance. He had painted 45 pictures of which 4 only had been sold. A long letter from Brother Hafen was read by the clerk, in

which he reported that he had been east for the purpose of securing recognition of the art gallery people, and thus open up the way for the sale of his paintings. He had met with great encouragement, but he estimated it would cost him \$3000 before he could accomplish his desires in full and asked the church to appropriate that amount, and in return he would paint for them 100 pictures. After some discussion it was decided not to accept the offer, but to allow him \$100 per mo. to assist in the support of his family, with the understanding that he should be entitled to all he could make over \$100 per month in the sale of his pictures.

Pres. Smith reported that Frank J. Cannon has brought a claim against the church for the Sterling Mining Co. [account] of \$12,000. The mine, he said, had been turned over to the Cannon boys some years ago by Pres. Snow, who declared that after an expenditure of \$325,000 he would have nothing further to do with it. It was decided that the church wanted nothing further to do with said mine and, therefore, would ignore the claim now put in. Minutes of meeting of June 12 read and approved.

### *Reports*

Pres. Smith attended special conference at Brigham City on Sunday.

Apostles Grant, Cowley, Clawson, Hyrum M. Smith, Patriarch Smith, and Counselors Winder and Lund were at Brigham City Saturday (and some of them remained over Sunday) to attend a reunion of the presiding priesthood of the Box Elder Stake. It was a very splendid affair.

Apostle Taylor reported the Morgan Stake Conference last Sunday and Monday. Reed Smoot attended the St. George Stake Conference Sunday and Monday. Large attendance. Good meetings. While there he visited the temple, which he said was sadly in need of repairs. He recommended the building of a vault in the temple for the safe keeping of the records. Pres. A. H. Lund addressed the Agricultural College students on Sunday. Benediction by Apostle Reed Smoot.

### **Tuesday, 24 June 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and hot. 10 a.m. Quarterly conference of the Twelve at the temple. The conference was called one week ahead of time in view of Apostle Heber J. Grant's early departure

for Japan, namely, Thursday, June 26, 1902. There were present: Pres. Brigham Young, Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Heber J. Grant, Jno. W. Taylor, Marriner W. Merrill, Matthias F. Cowley, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, and Hyrum M. Smith. Song, "Up, Awake, Ye Defenders of Zion." Prayer by Apostle Jno. H. Smith. Song, "Ye Who Are Called to Labor and Minister for God."

Apostle Hyrum M. Smith was the first speaker. Topics treated. Felt to rely upon the Lord for his blessings. Was careful to remember his prayers in the season thereof. Hoped his children would grow up strong in the faith. In connection with his brothers and sisters, had been taught to observe the word of wisdom. Spoke of the ordinance of the administration for the sick and rejoiced in it. Pres. Young made brief remarks on the ordinance for the administering to the sick and felt that it was very essential not only for the elder who administers but for the party who is sick to exercise faith.

Apostle Smoot. Topics treated. Thought the work to be done at home is as great as that in the world outside. Had counseled the saints to keep out of debt and retain their possessions. Was pleased that Saltair is being managed this season without liquor. Believed care ought to be exercised in regard to having certain ones called from a distance, sometimes out of the ward, to administer to the sick. In his candidacy for the senate of the United States he proposed to make an open fight and leave the residue in the hands of the Lord.

Apostle Clawson rejoiced in the spirit of these occasions. Said that there is plenty to do: "The field is white, already to harvest and the laborers are few" [D&C 6:3; Matt. 9:37]. The Lord said to Oliver Cowdery that he need not suppose he could say enough for the cause of God, and that if he would be faithful, he should receive such strength as is not known among men. So it will be with us through our faithfulness. Spoke of Heber's return to Japan and felt that if he should succeed it will be because the angel of the Lord goes before him, and so with the brethren of the Twelve, whether at home or abroad, if they succeed it will be because the angel of the Lord goes before them. Felt to be one with his brethren, for in union there is strength.

Pres. Young said that Brother Clawson's remark that the angel of the Lord goes before his servants fit into his mind and met with



his hearty approval. Benediction by Apostle Teasdale. Adjourned until 2 p.m.

2 p.m. Continuation of conference, Pres. Young presiding. Song, "God Moves in a Mysterious Way." Prayer by Apostle Grant. Song, "Come Let Us Anew." Minutes of morning meeting read and approved.

Apostle Cowley was the first speaker. Topics treated. Said that he felt exceedingly happy in meeting with the brethren in council. Remembered what Pres. Snow had said upon one occasion in giving young men advice to sit and listen that they might learn rather than be too forward in speaking; this counsel, he said, was easy for him to follow. Spoke of the word of wisdom and said we ought to be exemplary in respect to this doctrine and should teach it to the saints. Felt exceedingly well towards the First Presidency of the church and remarked that everything goes to show that the spirit of this great appointment rests upon Pres. Smith. There has been a tendency in recent years to draw away from the counsel of the authorities. This is probably due to the conditions by which the saints have been surrounded. Our people should be brought to honor and respect the priesthood. Said that many of our young men are coming to the front. Brother [Milton H.] Welling, president of the Malad Stake, is doing a good work, and in his opinion Apostles Taylor and Clawson were inspired in naming him for that important position.

Referred to the recent action taken in dividing some of the larger stakes and felt that great good would follow. Felt interested in the candidacy of Apostle Smoot to the United States Senate and thought it a wise thing for him to make an open campaign and not place himself under obligation to Thos. Kearns or any other man. We ought to stand by the action we have taken to sustain Apostle Smoot in this undertaking and express no weakness on the outside. Desired to be one with his brethren—to be true and valiant to the cause. Felt that there was a gigantic work to be done at home as well as abroad. Spoke of the bureau of information now being established under the direction of the Presidency. This movement would result in good, as there is a field for missionary labor in Salt Lake. Brother Grant returns to Japan with our confidence and blessing. The entertainment and sociable given at the Beehive recently by Pres. Smith in honor of Apostle Grant was a very



pleasant and successful affair.

Apostle Marriner W. Merrill. Topics treated. Spoke in reference to the calling of a patriarch and looked upon it as very different to that of a high priest or elder, as it was his especial duty to bless; there was a time when the patriarchal priesthood and second anointings were conferred only upon those who had entered into the practice of plural marriage. This rule had afterwards been changed by the authority that had the right to decide such matters. Brother Merrill said that he was not as strong physically as he used to be and easily grew tired. Said that he allowed nothing to come between him and his brethren. Felt to give them his love and confidence and constantly prayed for them. We ought to love one another, for the Lord has chosen us to labor together. Felt that Pres. Smith is doing too much—there is too great a strain upon him.

The minutes were read and approved. Benediction by Apostle Taylor.

### Wednesday, 25 June 1902

Salt Lake City. Clear and hot. 10 a.m. Continuation of conference of Twelve. Present: Pres. Brigham Young, and Apostles Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Heber J. Grant, Jno. W. Taylor, Marriner W. Merrill, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, and Hyrum M. Smith. Song, "Redeemer of Israel." Prayer by Apostle Merrill. Song, "Now, Let Us Rejoice in the Day of Salvation."

Apostle Taylor was the first speaker. Topics treated. Was thankful to be here. He felt like Brother Merrill, that Pres. Smith ought to be relieved of detail work, if possible. To me he looks tired and weary. Spoke of his interview with the pres. [Thomas Shaughnessy] of the Canadian Pacific. There were no papers on his desk; he could not talk about details but rather about generalities. He thought the time had come when the Presidency of the church ought to be relieved of details. Had nothing on his mind particularly, but came to the meeting to enjoy himself. In relation to the candidacy of Brother Smoot to congress, how good and satisfactory it is for the council to have a uniform understanding. Apostle Taylor said that he had no feelings against his brethren.

Apostle Grant said that he had just received a letter from

Brother Lyman, which gave expression to just such views as had been uttered by the brethren. He felt, as we do, that Pres. Smith is being overworked. Would rejoice to see matters systematized and changed. He felt that great good had already been accomplished by the new system of bookkeeping introduced into the President's office by Brother Clawson. Said that he was happy to be with his brethren and that the conference had been advanced. Was thankful for the privilege of taking five young men with him to Japan. Remembered Pres. Snow's last instructions to the effect that the apostles should be carrying the gospel to the nations. This duty rests upon us. Felt that in the near future there would be openings for the gospel in South America and South Africa among the Boers. After a time, if agreeable to the Presidency, would drop down and investigate conditions in the latter country. Hoped Pres. Young's health would be restored. Was heartily in favor of the position taken by Brother Smoot politically, namely, that he would enter into no alliances with anyone, but carry on an open fight.

Apostle Teasdale. Topics treated. Didn't know of any sweeter meetings than these. Pres. Snow exhibited great wisdom by the inauguration of our conferences. He desired that we should be one and so presented the quorum at one time to the Presidency. Felt the importance of being willing to go and to be where the Lord wants us—like clay in the hands of the potter. Had had a feeling that the Manifesto was one of the most disastrous things that had ever come to the church. We see this on all sides. The condition today is painful. "The man is not without the woman, in the Lord" [1 Cor. 11:11]. The union of the apostles and the love they bear each other is productive of good in the midst of the people. He had suggested sometime ago that Saturday of each week be set apart as a holiday for the Presidency, because he felt that the President was overworked. Desired to be a minute man. Every blessing pronounced upon his head in taking various missions had been realized. With regard to Bro. Smoot, felt just as he did some time ago. If the Lord wants him in congress, he will open the way. In regard to opening up missions, said he knew the philosophy of it. Brother Heber Grant will always be the president of the Asiatic Mission. And when he goes there he will know just what to do. It was so with Heber C. Kimball, Erastus Snow, and others in opening up new missions. Regretted that we have class

distinctions among us. It is the poor who have built up the kingdom, and the saints should not separate themselves from them. Said he knew there would be great rejoicings among our people when plural marriage is restored, but that time will never come so long as the saints rob the Lord of tithes and offerings.

Apostle Woodruff expressed happiness in being present today. His absence yesterday was due to sickness in his family (the birth of a little girl). These meetings were more helpful to him than most any other meetings in the church. He was pleased to think that we could safely speak our thoughts to one another and could feel that our confidences would be held sacred, even if we were called before the courts of the land. In relation to the candidacy of Apostle Smoot, the brethren knew how he felt about it, though his views were not prompted by personal feelings, but when the Presidency indicated the mind of the Lord, he was ready and willing to accept it. Felt that Apostle Grant was greatly honored of the Lord in being called to carry the gospel to Japan. This is assuredly a greater honor than anything coming from man. Our great mission is to carry the gospel to the nations. My labors of recent months have carried me to the frontiers of Zion to counsel and assist in colonizing our people. Had experienced joy and satisfaction in this duty. We ought to take advantage of every opportunity and opening to secure places for the saints—in Idaho, Wyoming, and other localities. We cannot afford to pass favorable opportunities. The Lord will bless our efforts and put means into our hands. Was anxious in relation to these matters. He desired to be and labor where the Lord wants him, whether at home or abroad. Appreciated calls from the Presidency and desired to meet them. He had been impressed with the fact that, without this spirit and disposition, there could be no success. It is not profitable to counsel the head. Felt the presence of Pres. Young in our midst today was due to the special favor of the Lord through the prayers of his servants. Invoked the blessings of the Lord upon Apostle Lyman, who is absent, and also upon Apostle Grant, who is soon to take his departure for the mission field. Expressed a feeling of love for the apostles and Presidency of the church. Hoped Pres. Smith would be careful so as not [to] suffer from overwork and that ways and means would be provided for his relief. Adjourned until 2 p.m.

2 p.m. Continuation of conference with the same brethren in attendance. Song, "Weep, Weep Not for Zion." The minutes of the morning meeting were read and approved.

Apostle Jno. H. Smith said that he had enjoyed the conversations of the brethren. Had nothing special to present. Thought likely it would be well to talk over the question as to where the name of John Smith, the patriarch, should come in the presentation of the general authorities of the church. In the case of Joseph Smith, Senr., Hyrum Smith, and some of the other presiding patriarchs, their names were represented immediately following the First Presidency. Today the patriarch's name follows the Twelve. Read from Sec. 124, D.&C. Felt this to be a matter of importance and should receive thoughtful consideration. There was one thing that rather perplexed him and that was this: in a sermon of Pres. Young's published in the *Times and Seasons* it was stated that if Hyrum Smith had survived the Prophet, he would have become President of the church, but afterwards and later Pres. Young took a different view. He understood that Patriarch John Smith feels that his name should by right follow the Presidency. The question is this, "Do the spirit and letter of the gospel indicate that anything or anybody can come between the Presidency and Twelve." His own judgment, shorn of the spirit of revelation, was that the Almighty when he named the presidency of Three and council of Twelve fixed the order of government for all time to come, and that nothing should come between them. And yet owing to some conditions that existed in the past there was a shade of doubt in his mind.

Pres. Young said that the matter was plain to his mind. The succession to the Presidency had been fully determined, and no matter where the patriarch's name was presented, nothing could come between the Presidency and Twelve. Apostle Hyrum M. Smith took a little different view to some of the brethren. He understood that Brother John Smith lost his place in the line of presentation because of a failure to magnify his calling. If that be true, and he repents, should he not be brought back into line?

Apostle Smoot thought the order as shown by the relationship of Jesus to his apostles makes the matter plain. He thought the present method of presenting the authorities quite proper.

Apostles Taylor and Grant both expressed themselves as being

in favor of the present line of procedure, though they felt perfectly willing to abide the decision of the President. Apostle Cowley thought that the question of succession to the Presidency was not and could not become involved in this matter. It is simply a question of courtesy to the patriarch.

Apostle Clawson felt that we should take a logical view of the matter. The great presiding authority of the church is vested in three high priests and called the First Presidency, and their names are, therefore, presented first; the next great presiding authority is the quorum of Twelve Apostles and, if the President of the church dies, the president of the Twelve becomes his successor, hence it would seem eminently proper that the quorum of Apostles should be presented next to the Presidency. And besides, the Lord has brought the apostles still closer [to] the Presidency by designating them, prophets, seers, and revelators. Not so in the case of the patriarch. He viewed the present arrangement as being just right.

Pres. Young said that when Pres. Smith, the head, indicated what is right in this matter we would be ready to sustain him. Nevertheless, if he desires our views upon the subject, we will give them. Said, "If I were John Smith, I would work where I am until the Lord calls me to stand before the Twelve. By urging his own claims, he only hurts himself and lessens rather than strengthens his influence." When the matter comes up and Pres. Smith indicates what is right, let us accept the decision and be one.

"Doxology." Benediction by Apostle Cowley.

#### **Thursday, 26 June 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and hot. 10 a.m. Continuation of conference and meeting with the Presidency. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Apostles Brigham Young, Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Heber J. Grant, Jno. W. Taylor, Marriner W. Merrill, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, Patriarch Jno. Smith, and Geo. Gibbs, clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "The Time Is Far Spent." Apostident [President] Smith was mouth in prayer, and Apostle Clawson mouth in the circle. Song, "I Know That My Redeemer Lives." Minutes of June 19 were read and approved.

The clerk read a letter from Jane S. Richards, pres. of the Weber Stake Relief Societies, and also a number of ward presidents, asking a loan from the church of \$750 to assist them in completing a Relief Society building now in course of erection. After some discussion, it was decided upon motion of Apostle Clawson that \$250 be appropriated to assist them in lieu of making a loan.

A letter from the presidency of the Utah Stake was read. They notified the brethren that Bp. [John E.] Ingles of Scofield would return from Oregon next month about July 20, and would then expect to turn over the Scofield Ward to his successor. It was decided to send one or more of the apostles to Scofield, July 20, to attend ward conference and set apart Bp. Ingles' successor.

Pres. [Reuben G.] Miller of the Emery Stake had addressed a letter to the Presidency, desiring to know what action should be taken against members of the church who keep saloons for the sale of liquor. Pres. Smith asked for an expression of the brethren regarding this matter. Apostles Smoot, Cowley, Grant, Woodruff, and Clawson expressed themselves strongly upon the subject and said that they felt it should be made a test of a man's fellowship. Apostle Woodruff moved that members of the church who engage in the saloon business and those who frequent such places be tried for their fellowship. Carried by unanimous vote.

The clerk read a letter from Elder J. G. Kimball, representing the First Seven Presidents of Seventies, who submitted the following names from which to choose to take charge of the bureau of information: Benjamin Goddard, Henry W. Nesbitt, Arnold H. Schulthess, Josiah Burrows, and Thos. Hull. After some discussion it was decided to call them all to this labor, with the exception of Elder Henry W. Naisbitt.

Stake conference appointments: Sevier, Geo. Teasdale and Reed Smoot. Benediction by Apostle Hyrum M. Smith.

The tables were then spread for the sacrament, and Apostle Grant blessed the bread and wine. The brethren spent a very enjoyable time in partaking of the Lord's supper. Before separating Apostle Grant announced that at 1:30 he expected to seal his daughter [Lucy Grant] to [George J. Cannon] a son of Abraham H. Cannon and he extended a cordial invitation to the Presidency and the Twelve and their wives to attend the wedding reception at

his home at 5 p.m. Benediction was offered by Pres. Young.

Later the minutes of the meeting of the Apostles were read and approved, and an adjournment taken until Sep. 30, 1902. Benediction by Apostle Woodruff.

### Thursday, 3 July 1902

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cold. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Apostles Geo. Teasdale, Matthias F. Cowley, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, Jno. Smith, patriarch, and Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk. The brethren clothed. Song, "Come, O Thou King of Kings." Apostle Geo. Teasdale was mouth in prayer, and Apostle Cowley in the circle. Song, "Zion Stands with Hills Surrounded." Minutes of June 26 were read and approved.

The clerk read a letter from Collins R. Hakes. Said he would do the best he could looking after the Indians. Reported circumstances and conditions of the brethren whose names were suggested from which to select a counselor. After some discussion, it was decided that the question of appointing a counselor to Brother Hakes and possibly the reorganization of the Maricopa Stake presidency [be] laid on the table for one week.

### Reports

Pres. Winder was at Mill Creek last Sunday. Apostle Teasdale accompanied Pres. Jos. F. Smith, Pres. Anthon H. Lund, and Apostle Smoot to Sevier Stake Conference last Saturday and Sunday. Excellent meetings. The following were ordained and set apart: Jos. Horne, 1st counselor to Pres. [William H.] Seegmiller; Jas. Christiansen, 2nd counselor to Pres. Seegmiller; Chas. R. Blair, high councillor; Jacob L. Norwardson [M. Lauritzen], clerk of stake; Christian Christensen, bp. of Aurora; Martin Jensen, bp. of Redwood [Redmond]; Leonard A. Hill, bp. of Burrville.

Apostle Cowley attended meeting at Mammoth Ward last Sunday afternoon and at Eureka in the evening. People feeling pretty well and fairly good tithe-payers.

Apostle Clawson attended the Parowan Stake Conference a week ago Sunday and spoke in the tabernacle, Salt Lake, last Sunday. Reported that the people of the Parowan Ward are suffering very seriously from drought—their crops will be almost an entire failure. The saints of Cedar City have repaired the



meeting house and put in a new gallery, increasing the seating capacity about one third.

Jno. Smith attended meeting in Salt Lake last Sunday. Pres. Lund reported the visit of Pres. Smith and himself to the Hyrum Stake a week ago last Sunday. They had a good conference.

Upon motion the auditing committee—Apostles Clawson and Smoot—were instructed to audit the books of the *Deseret News* preparatory to their removal to the new building and report to the council. Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Jno. Smith, patriarch.

### **Sunday, 6 July 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 10 a.m. Fast meeting at the temple, Pres. Jos. F. Smith presiding. The meeting was given into the hands of the brethren and sisters, and nine of the brethren and 17 of the sisters spoke and bore testimony.

Pres. Winder made brief concluding remarks and said in substance. Remarks have been made today in reference to the Manifesto. Said he wanted to explain how that instrument came to the church. One morning during the dark days of persecution, I met Pres. Woodruff and asked him how he was feeling. "Pretty well," he said, "only I did not get much rest during the past night. I was wrestling with the Lord all night." Handing me some sheets of paper, he said, "And this is the result of my wrestling." The sheets contained the Manifesto, which was later adopted by the Twelve and published with very little alteration. Brother [George] Reynolds was also there.

### **Thursday, 10 July 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Apostles Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Marriner W. Merrill, Matthias F. Cowley, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, Jno. Smith, and Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "O Give Me Back My Prophet Dear." Apostle Merrill was mouth in prayer, and Pres. Lund was mouth in the circle. The brethren disrobed and sang, "Glorious Things Are Sung of Zion." The minutes of July 3 were read and approved.

The matter of reorganizing the presidency of the Maricopa Stake was taken up and discussed. It was finally decided by unan-



imous vote upon motion of Apostle Clawson that action be deferred until the next quarterly conference in that stake and the visiting apostle be authorized to effect the reorganization, if in his judgment such change would be for the best.

The clerk read a letter from Patriarch Oliver B. Huntington, who said that there was a lack of understanding and harmonious action among the patriarchs of the church in reference to their duties, the charging of a fee, &c., and asked for instructions. Considerable discussion followed. Apostle Jno. H. Smith said that in his opinion the Presiding Patriarch should keep a perfect record of all the patriarchs of the church, as to birth, where born, place of residence, when and by whom ordained, and date of death. He thought that Brother Jno. Smith should send out a letter of instructions to the patriarchs. As to whether they should charge a fee or depend upon voluntary donations is a matter to be determined by each patriarch. Their field of labor should be confined to the stakes where they reside, but if they officiate in other stakes, it should be by permission.

Apostle Clawson said that he heartily endorsed the recommendation of Apostle Jno. H. Smith as to the wisdom and propriety of keeping a record of the patriarchs. Also suggested that it would be well for Brother Jno. Smith to follow the practice of the Seven Presidents of Seventies, i.e., when he is visiting at a stake conference, he should call the patriarchs together and impart special instructions and ascertain how far they are magnifying their calling. He should also encourage the saints in his public addresses to get their patriarchal blessings. In speaking of the practice of charging a fee, said that so far as he knew it was very offensive to the people, and he believed it would be better for them to depend upon voluntary donations. He mentioned the temple as an example and said, of course, it is understood that the expense of running our temples is very heavy, but, nevertheless, the blessings of the house of the Lord are free to the saints, "without money and without price" [Isa. 55:1], and yet all who enter these sacred places have an opportunity to make donations. If a fee were charged at the temple, he believed it would be offensive to the people and productive of no good. He took the same view in relation to the patriarchs. Pres. Lund said that the patriarchs would have to use care in regard to charging a fee as there was no doubt

in his mind that this was a matter of offense to the people.

Pres. Smith called attention to the fact that there is more or less expense connected with the giving of blessings, such as paper, pens, ink, and clerk hire, which should be borne by those who are benefited. He did not like the idea, however, of charging a fee. He thought that in all cases when the patriarch is asked as to his bill, he should say, "If I were to make a charge, it would be so much a blessing, but, of course, I make no charge but leave it to your discretion as to whether you would like to make a free-will offering." Patriarchs should impress those who come to them that they have the spirit and power to bless, and the people would then feel that a patriarchal blessing is beyond price. And the impression should never go out that they are traveling around giving blessings simply for the fee. A patriarch should be the acme of fatherhood to the church in exercising the spirit of his calling and priesthood. Father [Joseph] Smith [Sr.] and Hyrum Smith were just such men. The Presiding Patriarch should have a fatherly care over all the patriarchs and should visit with and call them together in the stakes, giving needful and necessary instructions.

Patriarch Jno. Smith made some remarks and said that he usually charged two dollars for a blessing, in cases where the parties could afford to pay, but in many instances where a man and his family came, it did not average more than a dollar a piece, and in some cases he received nothing at all.

It became the sense of the council by vote that the church furnish a record for the patriarchs, the form to be determined by Pat. Jno. Smith and Apostle Clawson, and that where a fee is mentioned it shall be done in the manner suggested by Pres. Smith. Pres. Lund said that Brother Jno. Smith should inspect the records of the various patriarchs and see that they are properly kept and see if the patriarchs, or any of them, are in the habit of using presumptuous words in their blessings.

Pres. Smith stated that Brother Howard Coray of Provo claimed he had a "sack" full of speeches, sayings, &c., of the Prophet Joseph Smith, acquired by Sister [Martha] Coray. His claim may be good and it may not, but he felt some action should be taken to get possession of them. Apostle Jno. H. Smith moved that steps be taken by the church to secure possession of said papers. Carried.

Conference appointments: Utah Stake, First Presidency and Apostles Jno. H. Smith and Reed Smoot; Beaver, Apostle Cowley. Benediction by Pres. Jos. F. Smith.

**Friday-Saturday, 11-12 July 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and hot. I spent the forenoon of Friday at the President's office. In the afternoon took Samuel and Lorenzo to see a dog and pony show, which amused them very much. On Saturday I got out a form for the genealogy of the patriarchs of the church to be submitted to the Presidency.

**Thursday, 17 July 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and hot. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Apostles Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Jno. W. Taylor, Matthias F. Cowley, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, Jno. Smith, pat., and Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "Praise to the Man Who Communed with Jehovah." Apostle Hyrum M. Smith was mouth in prayer, and Apostle Smoot at the altar. The brethren disrobed and sang, "Mid Scenes of Confusion." Minutes of July 10 were read and approved.

The clerk read a letter from Prof. Jno. J. McClellan, requesting a change in the hour of recitals. They are now given on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. and Fridays at 5 p.m. He suggested Wednesdays at 5 p.m. and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. This change would enable many of our people who are employees to attend the recital given Saturday night. The brethren took the view that the change would be undesirable, as the recitals were given expressly for the benefit and entertainment of tourists, who would not be likely to attend so late in the evening. Pres. Lund and Apostle Clawson were appointed as a committee to consult with Brother McClellan regarding this matter.

The clerk read a letter from the presidency of the Relief Societies of the Weber Stake, in which they extended an invitation to the Presidency and Twelve to attend the dedication of their new Relief Society hall on Saturday, July 19, at 11 a.m. Pres. Jno. R. Winder and Apostle Teasdale were appointed to attend said services.

some steps looking to the adjustment of the water rights pertaining to the Emery Creek, Emery County. Pres. Smith remarked that about all the apostles could do in matters of this kind was to counsel the people to adjust the trouble themselves by entering into an amicable agreement and having it ratified by the district court. It was left for the visiting apostle to carry into effect the suggestion of Pres. Smith at their next quarterly conference.

A letter from C. Anderson, representing the presidency of the Millard Stake, was read. He extended an invitation to the brethren to attend a reunion of the Millard Stake in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the organization of that stake on July 25, 1902. Matter of appointment deferred temporarily.

The clerk read a letter from Brother [Anthon L.] Skanchy, president of the Scandinavian Mission, in which he reported that the conference house of Christiania had been condemned by the building inspector as being unfit for use. A new house would cost, he said, about \$12,500. If the church would appropriate \$5000 to assist them, he thought they could fairly well meet this obligation. He also said that \$2000 was needed to pay off the remaining obligation on the Copenhagen house, recently dedicated. Upon motion of Apostle Jno. H. Smith \$7500 was appropriated to meet the above call.

A letter from Andrew Jenson to Pres. Lund gave the information that he was getting along nicely in his labor of printing a new edition of the Book of Mormon in the Danish language. He suggested that the number of copies of [the church periodical] the *Bikuben* now sent to the various conferences of the Scandinavian Mission—namely, 100—be doubled, as this paper is accomplishing much good. The suggestion was adopted by unanimous vote.

### *Reports*

Jno. H. Smith reported the attendance of the First Presidency, Apostle Smoot, and himself, and Pat. Jno. Smith, at the Utah Stake Conference Sat. and Sunday last. Apostle Teasdale attended Sabbath School Union meeting of the Alpine Stake at Am. Fork. Apostle Taylor visited Granger Ward last Sunday. Apostle Cowley attended the Beaver Stake Conference.

Apostle Smoot reported that Jean Clare Holbrook was set apart as stake pres. Y.L.M.I.A. of the Utah Stake during the conference. Apostle Hyrum M. Smith was present at the laying of

the cornerstone of the new Forest Dale meeting house on Sunday. Apostle Clawson attended meeting in the tabernacle, Salt Lake City, on Sunday last.

Pres. Smith stated that he gave notice in his remarks at Provo that we objected to our people joining secret societies for the insurance benefits to be derived therefrom, or for any purpose whatever, and that those who identified themselves with these organizations would be denied the blessings of the house of the Lord. Felt that the Twelve should take up this subject in their visits to the stakes.

Pres. Smith said that he had received a letter, in which the party wanted a ruling upon that passage of scripture in which Christ speaks of the church as being built upon a rock [Matthew 16:18]. He wanted to know whether the rock referred to was Christ or the rock of revelation, as some took one view and some another. Pres. Smith expressed surprise in having received such an inquiry, as the question, he thought, had been answered to the satisfaction of every member of the church, but, nevertheless, he desired to know if the council entertained a harmonious view upon this point. It was ascertained to be the unanimous view of the brethren that Christ was speaking of the rock of revelation, which interpretation was adopted by unanimous vote.

After some discussion in relation to the *Deseret News*, it became the sense of the council that the paper should be conducted absolutely on a non-partisan basis. Adjourned until Wednesday, July 23, 1902. Benediction by Pres. Jno. R. Winder.

#### **Friday, 18 July 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and hot. I called at the *Deseret News* office and arranged for the publication of the book of the patriarchs. In the afternoon in connection with Pres. Lund talked with Prof. [John J.] McClellan in relation to the tabernacle organ recitals, and we decided to retain the present arrangement.

#### **Wednesday, 23 July 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Apostles Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Jno. W. Taylor, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, Jno. Smith, pat.,

and Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "A Poor Wayfaring Man of Grief." Apostle Jno. H. Smith was mouth in prayer, and Pres. Jno. R. Winder was mouth at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "Come, All Ye Sons of Zion." The minutes of July 17 were read and approved.

The clerk read a letter from President Young and Apostle Woodruff, dated Victor, Wyoming, July 18, who were on their way to Yellowstone Park, the trip being undertaken to improve the health of Pres. Young, which they said was steadily improving.

A letter from H. G. Whitney, mgr. of the *News*, was read. He stated that the lodge house on the temple block at the west gate had been closed, according to instructions of the Presidency, in view of the opening of a bureau of information at the south gate. Manager Whitney mildly remonstrated against this action, as the literature sold at the lodge house netted the *News* about \$1500 a year. Pres. Smith remarked that the Presidency had met Brother Whitney's objection by directing those in charge of the bureau to purchase their literature from the News Co.

Conference appointments: Fremont, Apostle J. H. Smith; Alpine, Apostle Teasdale; Emery, Apostle Clawson; Cache, Apostle Smoot; Bannock, Apostle Hyrum M. Smith; Scandinavian reunion, Brigham City, Pres. Lund.

### *Reports*

Apostles Jno. H. Smith and Reed Smoot visited Moab on Sunday. Matters pertaining to water rights badly mixed up. They recommended that settlement should be sought in the district court. The line between the church property and the bishop's property was by mutual agreement left to the surveyor to determine.

Apostle Geo. Teasdale reported the attendance of Presidents Winder and Lund and himself at the Weber Stake Conference. On Saturday the Weber Stake Relief Society hall was dedicated by President Winder. Sunday evening Apostle Teasdale returned to Nephi to attend the funeral of Brother [William H.] Warner. Apostle Taylor attended meeting at Farmington.

Apostle Clawson reported the San Luis Stake Conference held at Manassa. Meetings were well attended especially on Monday. The saints of that stake are taking steps to secure more water by building a reservoir on the west side of the valley that will cost

\$150,000. The importance of this move is emphasized by the drought that prevails there at the present time.

Apostle Smoot reported that a change in the bishopric of the Moab Ward is imperative and recommended early action. He also recommended that Parley Jenson be appointed to look after the products raised on the church property, Moab. Latter recommendation adopted; action on the former deferred.

Apostle Hyrum M. Smith visited Scofield last Sunday and reorganized the bishopric with Geo. Ruff as bishop. Held meeting at Winter Quarters Sunday evening. [Patriarch] Jno. Smith attended the Weber Stake Conference.

Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Pres. A. H. Lund.

### **Tuesday, 29 July 1902**

Emery, Utah. Clear and hot. At 3 p.m., after partaking of some very fine fruit and a dish of ice cream, we left for Huntington. We reached Huntington at 7 p.m. and drove to Elder [James W.] Nixon's, where we took supper.

8 p.m. Meeting in the Huntington Ward house, Pres. [Reuben G.] Miller presiding. I spoke of the office and calling of a patriarch in the church and said that we wanted Bp. Peter Johnson of Huntington for a patriarch. We had decided to take this action for two reasons: namely, that he had our confidence and that he was worthy through his faithfulness and integrity. Said that he had been honorably released as bishop by the presidency of the stake and high council and then proposed that he be sustained as a patriarch. Carried by unanimous vote. Pres. Miller, Jno. H. Pace, and myself then ordained him to said office, I being mouth.

After brief remarks, I presented the name of Jas. W. Nixon as bishop of Huntington. Carried with one opposing vote. That vote was cast by Jno. F. Wakefield, a high councillor of the stake. He afterwards arose and said that he had no reason for voting against Brother Nixon, only that he felt he was not the right man for bishop. He asked forgiveness for the stand he had taken and raised his right hand to sustain the new bishop.

After meeting we repaired to Bp. Nixon's home, his counselors also coming along, where we gave them special instructions as to the duties of their new appointments. Later I was mouth in family prayer.

### Thursday, 31 July 1902

Salt Lake City. Clear and hot. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Apostles Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Jno. W. Taylor, Marriner W. Merrill, Matthias F. Cowley, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, Jno. Smith, pat., and Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "When the Voice of Friendship's Heard." Apostle Clawson was mouth in prayer, and Pres. Jos. F. Smith at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "The Trials of the Present Day." Minutes of July 23, 1902, were read and approved.

Pres. Jas. E. Steele wrote recommending the name of Christian E. Anderson for bishop of Taylorsville, Bingham Stake. Upon motion of Apostle Clawson the recommendation was adopted.

The clerk read a letter from Elder Nephi Pratt, pres. of the N.W. States Mission, in which he reported his labors. Among other things he recommended that Lima Branch, Montana, be attached to the Fremont Stake, which suggestion was approved upon motion of Apostle Clawson.

Conference appointments: Jordan, Apostle Jno. H. Smith and Apostle Teasdale; Oneida, Apostle[s] Cowley and Merrill; Summit, Apostles Clawson and Smoot; Woodruff, members of the First Presidency and Apostle Hyrum M. Smith. In view of the fact that Pres. Smith had an important appointment at 12 noon, reports were not called for, but the brethren were requested to hand in their reports to Geo. F. Gibbs, the clerk. Benediction by Apostle Jno. H. Smith.

### Wednesday, 6 August 1902

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. At 10 a.m. attended a meeting of the executive committee of the Utah Light and Power Co., and at 4 p.m. a meeting of the general board of religion classes.

The Benevolent [and Protective] Order of Elks expect to hold a convention in Salt Lake next week. The city is, therefore, looking for a big crowd of people. We have contracted to furnish lodging for 30 at one dollar a piece or \$30.00 per day for ten days.

### Thursday, 7 August 1902

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple.



Present: the First Presidency, and Apostles Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Matthias F. Cowley, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, Jno. Smith, pat., and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "Guide Us, O Thou Great Jehovah." Apostle Cowley was mouth in prayer, and Jno. Smith was mouth at the altar. The brethren disrobed and sang, "Ye Ransomed of Our God." Minutes of July 31 were read and approved. Conference appointments: Wasatch, Apostle Smoot; Bingham, members of First Presidency and Apostle Clawson; South San Pete, Geo. Teasdale.

The clerk read a letter from Pres. [Anthony W.] Ivins, in which he stated that there had been a disastrous flood in Mexico. In some of the narrow valleys the water rose 20 feet and swept everything before it. In Juarez the water was higher than ever before in its history. The greatest damage was done to the roads, which were almost obliterated. The people would need help to assist in repairing them. It was voted that an appropriation be made by the church to assist them in this matter. Apostle Cowley was appointed to attend the Juarez Stake Conference a week from next Sunday.

### *Reports*

Apostles Jno. H. Smith and Teasdale attended the Jordan Stake Conference on Sunday and Monday. A new meeting house in course of erection there that has already cost \$12,000 and it will require about \$10,000 more to complete it. New counselors were given to stake supt. Y.M.M.I.A. Spirit of conference fine.

Apostle Cowley attended the Oneida Stake Conference. He recommended that the state of Oregon be attached to the N.W. States Mission, which now includes Washington, Montana, and northern Idaho, [with] Nephi Pratt, president. Oregon at present belongs to the Union Stake. Recommendation adopted.

Apostle Clawson attended the Summit Stake Conference. Great improvement in that stake. Five new ward meeting houses in course of erection. The foundation of the Kamas house which was burned now completed, and 85,000 brick burned and ready for use; effort will be made to have it ready for next stake conference. Splendid spirit of enterprise and progress in Kamas Ward. Thos. Copley was ordained a patriarch.

Presidents Smith [and] Lund, and Hyrum M. Smith attended Woodruff Stake Conference held at Lyman Ward. Were met by

brass band and large concourse of people, who sang, "We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet." Excellent meetings. Nine babies blessed by Pres. Smith. Supt'y. Y.M.M.I.A. Lyman Ward reorganized. The visitors went over to Fort Bridger.

Patriarch Jno. Smith and Pres. Winder attended fast meeting at temple on Sunday. Apostle Hyrum M. Smith felt that it would be a good thing if the church reporter were instructed to accompany the Presidency in their visits to the stakes to report the sermons. Other[s] of the brethren expressed a similar view but no action was taken. Benediction by Apostle Smoot.

### **Monday, 11 August 1902**

Lewisville, Idaho. Clear and cool. 10 a.m. Continuation of [Bingham Stake] Conference, Pres. [James E.] Steele presiding.

Sister Edna Smith of Salt Lake. Topics. The power of prayer. Girls should make confidantes of their mothers and keep good company. They should avoid young men who smoke, drink, and swear. The Primary associations.

Apostle Hyrum M. Smith. Topics treated. The importance of teaching our Sunday School children correct doctrines. R. Clawson. Topics. Dwelt upon the principle of obedience. Pres. Anthon H. Lund. Topics. The evil of false pride. The lesson of humility set forth in the life of our Savior. The saloon evil. Church schools.

2 p.m. Continuation of conference, Pres. Steele presiding. Pres. Jos. F. Smith occupied the time. Topics treated. The restoration of the gospel to the earth by a personal visitation of the Father and the Son to the Prophet Joseph Smith. Spoke of Brigham Young and said he knew that he was a good man, a prophet of God, and that he did the work God required of him. Also Heber C. Kimball and others. Drivings and persecutions of the saints from Illinois and Missouri. The law of tithing. The word of wisdom.

After meeting we drove to Idaho Falls, 15 miles distant, and put up with Gib. Wright.

8 p.m. Meeting at the Idaho Falls meeting house, Bp. Jas. Thomas presiding. Pres. A. H. Lund was the first speaker. Topics treated. The Lord wants our hearts, and we must give our hearts to him; otherwise our labors become onerous. Training of our children. Obedience to counsel.

R. Clawson. Topics treated. The conference at Lewisville and some of the subjects dwelt upon, namely, the evil of indebtedness, of mortgaging our homes, and the word of wisdom. Apostle Hyrum M. Smith. Topics treated. The reading of the church works neglected by the saints.

Pres. Jos. F. Smith. Topics treated. The Latter-day Saints the best people on the earth according to their knowledge. Word of wisdom. We should do unto others as we would they should do unto us. The sin against the Holy Ghost. Our people should not ally themselves with secret societies. Warned the brethren to refrain from engaging in strikes.

#### **Thursday, 14 August 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Apostles Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Marriner W. Merrill, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, Patriarch Jno. Smith, and Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "The Happy Day Has Rolled On." Prayer by Pres. Lund, with Apostle Merrill mouth at the altar. The brethren disrobed and sang, "Joy to the World, the Lord Will Come."

Pres. Chas. Kelly reported the organization of the Stone Branch, Box Elder Stake, into a ward, with Thos. W. Rowe as bishop. Upon motion of Apostle Clawson the said action was ratified.

Pres. Wm. H. Lewis of Benson Stake recommended that Elder Jno. Ravsten be ordained a bishop and set apart to preside over the Clarkston Ward and that ex-bishop, Jno. Jardine, be ordained a patriarch. The recommendation was approved by unanimous vote.

Conference appointments: Granite, Apostle Teasdale and Pres. Winder; Star Valley, Apostle Clawson; Nebo, Apostle Smoot. The clerk read a letter from the presidency of the Malad Stake, in which they suggested that Holbrook Branch, Malad Stake, be organized into a ward, with Heber Holbrook as bishop. The suggestion was adopted.

#### ***Reports***

Apostle Jno. H. Smith attended the funeral of Elder Jas. L. McMurrin on Sunday last; also tabernacle meeting in afternoon and 17th Ward meeting in the evening.

Apostle Teasdale attended the South San Pete Stake Conference held at Gunnison. Excellent meetings. Frank L. Copening and Jas. Christensen were sustained as counselors to Bp. [Christian A.] Madsen of Gunnison and were ordained high priests and set apart by Apostle Teasdale.

Apostle Merrill was not feeling well last Sunday, so failed to fill an appointment at Hyde Park. Apostle Clawson reported the attendance of Presidents Smith and Lund, and Hyrum M. Smith, and himself at the Bingham Stake Conference last Sunday and Monday. The meetings were largely attended and practical instructions were given. While there Pres. Smith ordained Christian Anderson a bishop and set him apart to preside over the Taylor Ward. Held meeting Monday evening at Idaho Falls.

Apostle Smoot attended the Wasatch Stake Conference, which was well attended, and better order and attention from the young people than ever before. Pres. [William H.] Smart doing a splendid work. He reported that the "Hot Pots" or pleasure resorts in Heber were sources of evil and he had recommended to the owners some changes and improvements. In the event that said changes were not made, he advised the presidency of the stake to also establish a resort to be conducted under the direction of the priesthood. Good Sunday School in Heber with an admirable kindergarten dept. Abraham Hatch was sustained and ordained a patriarch. A prayer circle composed of the presidency of the stake and bishopric[s] of the wards was organized. Fine young people's meeting Sunday night.

Pres. Jno. R. Winder attended the funeral of Elder McMurrin and the tabernacle meeting in the afternoon. Reports were approved.

The clerk read a letter from Elders H. H. and Benj. Cluff, in which they asked counsel as to the advisability of the Cluff family colonizing in Guatemala, Central America. A number of the brethren expressed themselves as not being in sympathy with the movement, feeling that the time had not yet arrived for such an important undertaking. It became the sense of the council that colonizing by our people should be confined within the present lines for the present, and any movement in this direction should come by and through the counsel of the First Presidency. Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Apostle Clawson.

### **Sunday, 17 August 1902**

Afton, Wyoming. Clear and cool. 8 p.m. Priesthood meeting, Pres. [George] Osmond presiding. Rudger Clawson. Topics treated. The power of the priesthood and the duties of those who bear the same. The calling of a teacher. Tithing. Evil of indebtedness and of mortgaging the homes of the saints.

### **Thursday, 21 August 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Apostles Geo. Teasdale, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, and Jno. Smith, patriarch, also the clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "Behold, the Harvest Wide Extends." Apostle Smoot was mouth in prayer, and Pres. Winder at the altar. The brethren disrobed and sang, "From the Regions of Glory an Angel Descended." Minutes of Aug. 14 were read and approved.

The clerk read a letter from Apostle Merrill, in which he said that he would attend the coming Benson Stake Conference. He reported that the Logan Temple repairs were completed.

Elder Nephi Pratt, pres. N.W. States Mission, recommended by letter that Pres. [James E.] Steele of the Bingham Stake be requested to visit members of the church in Custer County, at Barton, the distance from his headquarters being 600 miles and from Pres. Steele's headquarters about 150 miles. Recommendation adopted. Stake conference appointments: Millard, Apostle Smoot; Benson, Apostle Merrill; Box Elder, Apostle Clawson.

### ***Reports***

Apostle Teasdale reported the visit of Pres. Winder, Hyrum M. Smith, Pat. Jno. Smith, and himself to the Granite Stake. Conference was held at Farmers Ward and largely attended. Good live spirit in the stake.

Apostle Clawson reported the Star Valley Stake Conference. People feeling well with prospect for good crops. Effected reorganization of stake superintendency of Y.M.M.I.A. Anson V. Call, the supt., and who is also one of the stake presidency, was honorably released. The conference then sustained Clarence Gardner as his successor with Arthur F. Burton and Willard Cazier as assistants.

and Lund and himself at the Nebo Stake Conference held at Spanish Fork. During the conference Geo. D. Snell was honorably released as bishop of Spanish Fork 2nd Ward and ordained a patriarch. He was succeeded by Benj. Argyle, and Pres. Smith was mouth in both ordinations. Andrew N. Ferguson was set apart as an alternate high councillor, Pres. Lund mouth.

Reports were approved, and the meeting adjourned. Benediction by Patriarch Jno. Smith.

### **Tuesday-Wednesday, 26-27 August 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. I spent these two days at the President's office, working in part on my financial statement for the year 1902. In the evening of Wednesday I went to the theater to see the play of "Corianton," a Book of Mormon play. The play is well written and splendidly staged and has had a phenomenal run of over a week. It is the calculation of the Corianton Co. to visit all the leading cities of America, and I believe the play will attract a good deal of attention and perhaps cause some investigation of the Book of Mormon.

### **Thursday, 28 August 1902**

Salt Lake City. Warm rain. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Apostles Geo. Teasdale, Marriner W. Merrill, Matthias F. Cowley, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, Jno. Smith, pat., and the clerk.

As Pres. Smith was late in coming to the meeting, Pres. Lund called for the reading of the minutes of the 21 inst., which was done and the same were approved.

### ***Reports***

Apostle Teasdale attended meetings at Nephi on Sunday. Apostle Merrill visited Hyde Park and attended meeting there a week ago, and last Sunday was present at the Benson Stake Conference. The attendance was very large and a good spirit prevailed. He ordained Jno. Jardine a patriarch, also Jno. Ravsten a bishop and set him apart to preside over the Clarkston Ward. His counselors were Thos. Griffin and Ole Peterson.

Apostle Cowley attended the Juarez Stake Conference. All the bishops were present and every organization was represented.

Between meetings he was present at gatherings of the high priests, seventies, and the Relief Society. Set apart Helaman Pratt as 1st counselor and Guy C. Wilson as 2nd counselor to Pres. [Anthony W.] Ivins, and ordained Miles P. Romney a patriarch. Ammon Tenney, missionary at the city of Mexico and vicinity, reported the organization of 8 branches of the church with a membership of about 250 souls.

Apostle Clawson reported the Box Elder Stake Conference last Sunday and Monday. Large attendance on the Sabbath but poor on Monday. Some of the topics treated were tithing, the evil of indebtedness and mortgaging of our homes, and politics. Ordained Thos. Wm. Rowe a high priest and bishop and set him apart to preside over the new ward of Stone. His counselors were Jno. Sparks, 1st, and Hulbert B. Robbins, 2nd.

Apostle Smoot attended the Millard Stake Conference last week. The meetings were crowded, and the conjoint meeting of the young people was well attended. Talked with the presidency of the stake in relation to the building of a reservoir near Holden. It was represented that with an expenditure of \$23,000 an immense amount of water could be obtained. Apostle Smoot approved the project and instructed them to take the necessary preliminary steps at once.

Apostle Hyrum M. Smith reported the Uintah Stake Conference held at Vernal. The meetings were of an interesting character. No notice had been given publicly of the young people's conference for Monday, so it was decided simply to call them together and impart general instructions. Counseled the young people against going to Fort Dushesne to dances.

Patriarch Jno. Smith attended meetings at home. Pres. Lund attended a district conference of the 18[th] and 20[th] Ward Sunday Schools and tabernacle meeting in afternoon. Pres. Winder was at the Wilford Ward last Sunday. Reports were approved.

The clerk read a letter from a Brother Earl of Mountain View, Canada, in which he desired to know what temple work, if any, could be done for those who will inherit a telestial kingdom. The answer was, none.

Pres. Geo. C. Parkinson of Oneida wrote stating that a certain brother, who had been convicted of incest by the courts of the land and also the courts of church, strenuously maintained his inno-

cence and demanded baptism in the church. After some discussion and upon motion of Apostle Merrill, it was decided that he was not a suitable candidate for baptism at the present time.

Conference appointments: Alberta, Presidents Smith and Lund; Tooele, Apostle Hyrum M. Smith; Union, Apostle Clawson; Panguitch, Apostle Cowley. Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Pres. Smith.

### **Sunday, 31 August 1902**

LaGrande, Ore. Clear and mild. 10 a.m. Continuation of [Union Stake] Conference, Pres. [Franklin S.] Bramwell presiding. R. Clawson. Topics treated. The responsibility resting upon the members of the church, individually and collectively, as members of quorums and organizations.

2 p.m. Continuation of conference, Pres. Bramwell presiding. Coun. C[harles] W. Nibley was the first speaker. Topics treated. Life and death of the Savior as commemorated in the sacrament. First principles of the gospel. The importance of union—oneness. Authority. Revelation.

I made remarks in relation to the sacrament, explaining why water was substituted for wine, and quoted the revelation bearing upon this question. Also the restoration of the various keys and powers of the priesthood, the first vision of Joseph Smith, and later visions where the Savior, Moses, and Elijah appeared to him.

### **Thursday, 4 September 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Pres. Jno. R. Winder, and Apostle Geo. Teasdale, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, and Arthur Winter, clerk *pro tem*. In the absence of Pres. Smith, Pres. Winder presided. Song, "Though Deepening Trials." Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. The brethren clothed and sang, "God Moves in a Mysterious Way." Apostle Woodruff was mouth in prayer, and Apostle Teasdale at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "Be It My Only Wisdom Here." Stake conference appointments: North San Pete, Apostles Geo. Teasdale and A. O. Woodruff; Pocatello, Apostle Clawson; Kanab, Apostle Cowley.

### **Reports**

Apostle Teasdale attended meeting at Levan last Sunday.



Apostle Woodruff reported that he was with Pres. Young on his trip north. Held meeting in Paris on the way. Attended the Big Horn Stake Conference held at Burlington, Aug. 2 and 3, and following the conference held meetings at Lovell and Byron Wards. The gatherings were much appreciated by the saints. Our people find ready employment at good wages on the new government road now being built into the Yellowstone Park. The crops and garden products were fairly satisfactory. Visited the national park with Pres. Young, who on his way home was taken quite sick. He was in a dropsical condition and took the train at St. Anthony, while Apostle Woodruff remained to attend the Teton Stake Conference at Pratt Ward.

Apostle Clawson attended the Union Stake Conference held at LaGrande, Or., Aug. 30 and 31. The conditions there were favorable. The church membership of the LaGrande Ward, where the conference convened, had doubled in 7 months, namely, from 102 to 107 [207]. The Sunday School enrollment of the stake at the time of its organization was between 400 and 500, and is now between 800 and 900. Reported further that he had set apart Elder Edmond Z. Carbine as stake supt. of Y.M.M.I.A.

Apostle Smoot attended meeting at Provo last Sunday, and listened to Susa Y. Gates' report of her recent trip to Europe. He reported the case of a young man by the name of Jones, who had committed himself [sexually] and who now desired to enter the B. Y. Academy. Apostle Smoot counseled that before this privilege be extended to him that he be required to make matters right, which action was approved by the council. He also further reported that Pres. Canute Peterson, whom he called to see yesterday, was a very sick man and would in all probability pass away in the course of a few days.

Pres. Winder reported his attendance at the Sunday School conference held in the Salt Lake tabernacle last Sunday. It was a splendid occasion. The multitude of children assembled attracted the attention of strangers, who expressed great surprise at what they saw. The reports and labors of the brethren were approved on motion of Apostle Teasdale.

Apostle Clawson said that while at LaGrande he had consulted with the stake presidency of Union, and now moved that the state of Oregon north of Willamette Valley, including the

city of Portland, be taken from the Union Stake and attached to the N.W. States Mission, and that that portion of the state south of the said valley be attached to the California Mission. Carried by unanimous vote.

The clerk read a letter from Pres. [Anthony W.] Ivins, who reported that the recent Juarez Stake Conference was extremely interesting and instructive. After conference there was a convention of teachers, and following that a convention of the Sunday Schools. Reported that an excellent work is being done in and adjacent to the city of Mexico by Elder Ammon Tenney and fellow missionaries. Pres. Ivins recommend[ed] that Elder Tenney's wife be permitted to join her husband. Approved. Benediction by Apostle Smoot.

### **Wednesday, 10 September 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. At 10 a.m. attended the regular monthly meeting of the Utah Light and Power Co. and at 4 p.m. the board meeting of the religion classes and at 5 p.m. the board meeting of the Y.M.M.I.A. and at 6:30 p.m. a conjoint meeting of the boards of the Y.M. and Y.L.M.I.A. Verily, the day was well filled up with meetings.

### **Thursday, 11 September 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Apostles Geo. Teasdale, Rudger Clawson, Hyrum M. Smith, Jno. Smith, patriarch, and the clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "I Know That My Redeemer Lives." Jno. Smith was mouth in prayer, and Apostle Hyrum M. Smith at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "Zion Stands with Hills Surrounded." Minutes of Sep. 4, 1902, were read and approved.

The clerk read a letter from Brother Merrill, who wrote that he had been quite ill during the past week. Pres. Smith incidentally remarked that he had been visited by Pres. A[ngus]. M. Cannon, who complained that a personal difficulty had arisen between himself and Brother B. H. Roberts, and asking an investigation by the First Presidency. Unless some immediate action was taken Brother Cannon could not, he said, sustain Brother Roberts at the general conference, when his name should be presented. Pres.

Smith further said that many people were bringing their little difficulties to the Presidency to settle, which was certainly out of order and contrary to the usual procedure in the church. Only the more important matters should be brought to the First Presidency. If no objections were offered by the council, he would instruct Pres. Cannon to go to Brother Roberts and endeavor to adjust matters, which up to this time he had not done. The brethren concurred with Pres. Smith.

Stake conference appointments: Morgan, Apostle Teasdale; Salt Lake, members of the Presidency.

### *Reports*

Apostle Teasdale attended the North San Pete Stake Conference last Sat. and Sunday, held at Mt. Pleasant. The meetings were very satisfactory. Dedicated an annex of 2 rooms to the meeting house of the North Ward, also upper room for prayer circle purposes, which was beautifully furnished. Pres. C. N. Lund was set apart as president of one circle. Jas. C. Livingston was ordained a patriarch under the hands of Apostle Teasdale.

Apostle Clawson reported the Pocatello Stake Conference held at Rockland last Sunday and Monday. The attendance was large. During the conference he dedicated the meeting house recently completed at a cost of about \$3800. Ordained Arthur Edgley a high priest and set him apart as 2nd coun. to Bp. Hyrum S. Woolley, Jr., of Pocatello Ward.

Apostle Hyrum M. Smith attended the Tooele Stake Conference two weeks ago and reported an enjoyable time. The people have been suffering with drought to some extent during past season. Jno. Smith was present at the fast meeting in the temple last Sunday morning.

Pres. Lund reported the visit of Pres. Smith and himself to Canada during the past week. The conference was held at Cardston, and an excellent spirit prevailed. The stake was divided into two circuits for the work of the auxiliary organizations. Great damage had been done by the recent floods; otherwise the country looks beautiful. On Tuesday a meeting was held at Magrath, on Wednesday at Raymond, and on Thursday at Stirling. During the visit of the Presidency it was decided to honorably release Pres. [Charles O.] Card from the burden of presiding over the stake and to call Brother [Heber S.] Allen of Cardston to succeed him, the

change to be effected by Apostle Taylor one week later. Brother Card was ordained a patriarch by Pres. Smith.

Pres. Winder attended fast meeting at the temple last Sunday and a convention of the Y.L.M.I.A. on Friday. Upon motion the reports were approved and meeting adjourned. Benediction by Pres. Winder.

### **Monday, 15 September 1902**

Fielding. Clear and cool; later in day threatening storm. 5 a.m. Left for Collinston, arriving at 5:40 a.m., where I took train for Brigham. Spent the day in Brigham and while there had a long talk with Lorenzo Stohl. We were agreed that something ought to be done to bring the respectable element of the Republican party of Box Elder to the front, and I suggested that he take the field and make a run for representative in the next legislature, which he consented to do. Steps will, therefore, be taken to make his campaign successful. Personally, I am not particular who is put forward for office in the party in said county so [long as] the candidates are good men and representative of the party and are not identified with the miserable ring that is now manipulating affairs.

### **Thursday, 18 September 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: President Jno. R. Winder, and Apostles Teasdale, Mariner W. Merrill, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, and Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk; also Apostle Abraham O. Woodruff. The brethren clothed and sang, "Guide Us, O Thou Great Jehovah." Apostle Merrill was mouth in prayer, and Apostle Clawson at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "O Say, What Is Truth?" Stake conference appointments: Davis, Apostle Teasdale; Hyrum, Apostles Merrill and Woodruff; Malad, Apostle Smoot.

The clerk read a letter from Apostle Cowley written from Rockville, Washington Co. Said that he and Brother [Joseph W.] McMurrin were having a good time in holding meetings with the people of the southern stakes, namely, Parowan, Panguitch, Kanab, and St. George.

A letter was read from the presidency of the Box Elder Stake, in which they recommended that the Thatcher, Penrose, and Promontory Branches be organized into a ward with Jas. Nelson,

Jr., as bishop. Upon motion of Apostle Clawson the recommendation was adopted.

### *Reports*

Apostle Teasdale attended conference at Morgan on Sunday. The meetings were fairly well attended and a good spirit prevailed. Apostle Merrill had not been away from home lately on account of sickness, but had attended meeting in his ward.

Apostle Woodruff attended a convention of the Y.M.M.I.A. of the Alpine Stake on Sunday held at American [Fork]. It was a profitable occasion. The presidency of the stake were present, and he looked upon them as a choice presidency. He reported that the Pratt Ward of the Teton Stake had been included by the government in the forest reserve, but Senator [Francis E.] Warren of Wyoming had expressed a willingness to use his influence to have such sections as might be designated cut out.

Apostle Clawson attended the convention of the Y.M.M.I.A. held at Portage. There was a good attendance and all the topics on the program were fully treated. The new stake presidency are alive and active. During the afternoon of Sunday he ordained, he said, Brother Oliver C. Hoskins a patriarch.

Pres. Winder attended the Salt Lake Stake Conference on Sunday with Apostles Jno. H. and Hyrum Smith and had a very enjoyable time. The counsels given were timely. The reports and labors of the brethren were approved.

Apostle Merrill was authorized to bless and set his boys apart for missionary work in connection with their studies while attending school in the east. Meeting adjourned and benediction by Apostle Reed Smoot.

### **Wednesday, 24 September 1902**

At 8:30 p.m. I attended a meeting of father and his boys at my brother Fred's home. The purpose of the meeting was to submit for the inspection of those present a loaf of bread that had been made without yeast in a machine or mixer invented by my brother, Selden. It is the purpose of the invention to revolutionize bread making. The loaf referred to consisted simply of flour and water and after passing through the mixer (time: ten minutes) was put into the oven and came out as light and sweet as the best quality of yeast bread. The entire time in producing this sample was one

hour and fifteen minutes. The loaf was cut into slices, buttered, and passed around, and pronounced first-class bread by all present. I have furnished my brother, Selden, with the money (namely \$100) to bring the invention to its present incomplete state of perfection, for which he gives me a one-tenth interest in the same. He now proposed to give the boys and father a one-fourth interest in the patent (when secured) for \$2500, which would furnish means to complete his investigations and put the thing on the market. They did not accept the proposition, but made a counter proposition to the effect that they would furnish the capital if Selden would put in the invention, all to bear an equal interest. Selden did not view this latter proposition favorably, and the meeting broke up without any definite action. There were present: Hiram B. Clawson, and H. B. Clawson, Jr., Stanley H., myself, S[idney] B., Fred, Selden, and Walter.<sup>2</sup> At the conclusion of the meeting Selden offered me a fifteenth [15 percent] interest for \$150, which would then make my holdings a one-fourth interest in the invention. I accepted. This invention, if it proves to be of any value at all, will undoubtedly be a big thing.

#### **Thursday, 25 September 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Pres. Jno. R. Winder, and Apostles Teasdale, Matthias F. Cowley, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, and Jno. Smith, pat., with Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "The God That Others Worship." Prayer by Reed Smoot, with Apostle Cowley at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "Away with Our Fears." The minutes of Sept. 12 and 18 were read and approved.

#### ***Reports***

Pres. Jno. R. Winder and Apostles Teasdale and Taylor attended the Davis Stake Conference last Sunday and Monday. It was a spirited conference. The bishops complained a little as to the slothfulness of some of their members who are market gardeners. The instructions given were timely.

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<sup>2</sup> Stanley, Sidney, and Fred are Rudger Clawson's brothers; H. B., Jr., Selden, and Walter are half-brothers.

Apostle Cowley reported his southern trip in company with Elder Jos. W. McMurrin. They held conference in Parowan, Panguitch, Kanab, and St. George. Affairs in Panguitch somewhat disorganized and records in poor condition. Felt that the stake presidency should be reorganized. Brother [David] Cameron is a good man but very slow; either of his counselors his superior in ability to lead. Visited six wards in said stake. Visited and held meetings in all the wards of the Kanab Stake. Visited 12 wards in the St. George Stake and ordained Samuel K. Gifford a patriarch on Sep. 11. Apostle Cowley recommended that the Pinto and Harmony Wards of the St. George Stake be turned over to the Parowan Stake. Also recommended that the Tuba Ward, which is surrounded by the Indians by reason of its location on an Indian reservation, be abandoned. Both recommendations were laid over to await the return of Presidents Smith and Lund from St. George.

Apostle Woodruff attended a Y.M.M.I.A. convention at Logan last Sunday morning and the funeral of Sister Willard Maughn at noon, after which he drove to Wellsville to attend the Hyrum Stake Conference. While at Wellsville, set apart Jos. Howell a high councillor.

Apostle Clawson reported the dedication of a tithing office—a very fine building—at American Fork on Thursday evening last. There were present of the visitors, Apostle Woodruff, Bp. Orrin P. Miller, and himself, of the local brethren, the presidency of the stake, high councillors, and bishops of the Alpine Stake. Apostle Clawson offered the dedicatory prayer. Much good instruction was given to those in attendance. Apostle Clawson also attended a Y.M.M.I.A. conference at Rexburg. The attendance was poor, although the spirit of the convention was good. The president of the stake was a little at fault in not giving the M.I.A. cause that attention it deserved.

Apostle Smoot attended the conference of the Malad Stake at Fielding last Sunday. The attendance was poor, but was pleased to report that the presidency of the stake are doing a good work.

Pres. Winder reported that he had the workers of the temple—that is, the sisters—together last Friday, when he referred to some difficulties that had arisen among the sisters which were causing a bad feeling, and remarked that it was all wrong. Sisters Margaret C. Roberts and Annie Hyde among those alluded to were reconciled.

Apostle Cowley further reported that he had attended young men's conventions at the four stakes already mentioned in his report but those held at Parowan and Panguitch were failures. Reports and labors of the brethren were approved.

George Gibbs, the clerk, reported the condition of Pres. Young as follows, to wit: his dropsical condition remains the same with no improvement; stimulants administered to strengthen his heart, and opiates given to induce sleep.

The clerk read a letter from Jos. E. Robinson, president of the California Mission, in which he gave an excellent report of the work in that part of the Lord's vineyard. Notwithstanding the spirit of indifference that is abroad, the elders are active and efficient.

The question of releasing Jno. G. McQuarrie of the Eastern States Mission, on account of the length of his absence from home and the needy circumstances of his family, was discussed, and it was stated by Pres. Winder that the matter was under consideration by the Presidency, and should it be decided to keep him in the field still longer, help would be extended to his family.

Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Pat. Jno. Smith.

### **Sunday, 28 September 1902**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cool. 10 a.m. Fast meeting at the temple, Pres. Winder presiding. Pres. Winder made some remarks upon the necessity of the saints being in a position to partake of the sacrament worthily, and that we should seek to rid ourselves of hard feelings. The spirit of the meeting was very fine.

After the meeting Apostle Woodruff, Jos. E. Robinson, Asahel Woodruff, and myself called in to see Pres. Brigham Young and found him somewhat improved in health. We administered to him before leaving.

2 p.m. Fast meeting at the 18th Ward chapel, Bp. [Orson F.] Whitney presiding. Some nine of the brethren and sisters bore their testimony, including Apostle Jno. W. Taylor and myself. I suggested that it would be a good thing if Bp. Whitney would adopt the rule of meeting at 1 p.m. on fast day instead of 2 p.m. as now. The saints would then be able to get their afternoon meal at 4 p.m. instead of 5 p.m., and thus the more aged people would be somewhat relieved from the long fast. The matter was taken under advisement.



**Tuesday, 30 September 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 10 a.m. Quarterly conference of the Twelve. Present: Apostles Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Marriner W. Merrill, Jno. W. Taylor, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, and Hyrum M. Smith. Song, "Truth Reflects upon Our Senses." Prayer by Apostle Cowley. Song.

Apostle Jno. H. Smith was the first speaker. He said that Brother Teasdale and himself had called upon Brother Brigham this morning and found him somewhat improved. He had intended to be present at our conference today, but the doctor absolutely forbid it. The spirit of Pres. Smith during his southern tour has prompted him to dwell on temporal things. He has spoken powerfully upon the word of wisdom, tithing, and kindred subjects, as also the brethren who were with him; much good counsel was given in regard to making improvements. Apostle Smith gave a brief account of the recent Trans-Mississippi Congress, over which he presided. While East, he visited Nauvoo, and during his visit was told that Hancock County was no longer "Anti-Mormon" but "Jack Mormon."<sup>3</sup> Brought home with him part of the nostril of one of the oxen of the Nauvoo temple, which will be esteemed as a valuable relic.

Apostle Geo. Teasdale. Topics treated. Looked upon these meetings as being among the choicest we have, for the reason that we meet strictly in the capacity of a quorum. Had reflected of late in listening to the reports of bishops at stake conferences regarding the slothfulness of many who have membership in the church. Presumed that the wheat and tares would have to grow together. Blessed is that man, he said, who sees and understands by the spirit of God. He thought it a marvelous thing that 15 men (the Presidency and Twelve) could see eye to eye and be perfectly united. He felt that we were highly blessed, and the Lord prospers our ministrations. Our union, our love for one another is wonderful. The Lord is pleased with it. I love my brethren with an unspeakable affection and delight to be associated with them. Said he had been

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<sup>3</sup> Contrary to its usual meaning of "inactive Mormon," the term "Jack Mormon" appears to mean "friendly non-Mormon."

50 years in the church in August and was now in his 70th [71st] year. Knew the principles of the gospel—[and] of plural marriage—to be true, and that the purposes of God could not be fully accomplished without the practice of this latter law. Prayed that the spirit of unity and love might continue with us.

Apostle Jno. W. Taylor. Topics treated. Said he was in good health. Had been laboring in Canada lately and assisted in reorganizing the presidency of the Alberta Stake with Heber S. Allen as president and Theo. Brandley, 1st, and E. J. Wood as 2nd counselors. Spoke of Brother [Charles O.] Card and said that he was a very fine man, but has been very much hampered through the failure, in part, of his memory; he accepted the change in good part. Pres. Card was ordained a patriarch by Pres. Smith. Frank Grant was ordained bishop of Stirling Ward to succeed Brother Brandley. 300,000 bushels of grain were raised at Stirling, McGrath, and Raymond this year, and the people generally are prospering. The government is fair to our people and give them appointments whenever they can. Utah graduates are not prepared to teach in Canada without several years special training—which places us at a disadvantage. The people of Canada are more law-abiding and are more strict in observing the Sabbath than the people on this side of the line. \$23,000 tithing was paid by the saints of Alberta last year. Machinery for sugar factory will reach Raymond next month. Jesse Knight and friends will hold three-fourths of the stock, and E[phraim] P. Ellison and friends will hold the other one-fourth. The grist mill at Raymond has a capacity of 125 barrels, and the grain elevator has a capacity of 45,000 bushels. Apostle Taylor said that he had no feelings against anybody on earth. Had felt impressed lately to teach his children a little each morning, namely, by having a song and reading a chapter from the scriptures before praying. He had an intense desire to preach the gospel, but had been hampered by financial difficulties from which he was gradually getting free. Felt the responsibility of the priesthood.

Apostle Merrill. Topics treated. Said his hearing was a little impaired; could not hear all what Apostle Smith had said but heard Apostle Taylor distinctly. Was pleased with the favorable report of Canada. What had been said about the observance of the Sabbath in that country was true; our people are too neglectful in this

matter. Speaking of Brother Brigham, said that he was quite a young man, and ought to live many years, but the chances are against him. Since he (Bro. M[errill]) came to this country, 20 of the Presidency and apostles had passed away. This to him was a serious thought. Said that he had been a little longer in the church than Apostle Teasdale, having been baptized in Sep. 1851. In early days Pres. Young said that he wanted him for a "home minister," and he had labored at home ever since. The President blessed him and said he should never want for bread, neither his children nor his children's children, if he would keep the commandments of God. That promise had been realized and he was reminded of it the other day at a family reunion on his 70th birthday. There were 214 present all told; 120 grandchildren. Brother Merrill remarked that he has 8 wives, 46 children, and 150 grandchildren. Said that he taught his family the doctrine of plural marriage upon the occasion mentioned. Said that although he looked well in the face, his natural forces were somewhat impaired, and he could not travel as much as he would like to. Said that he believed the Lord would give righteous men power to save their children, though some may be wayward. I had a strong impression upon a certain occasion—it was in the nature of a manifestation—that Pres. Snow would have power to save all his children.

Minutes were read and approved. Meeting adjourned until Wednesday at 10 a.m.

At 4 p.m. I went to the state fair, being accompanied by the family. The exhibit this year is made in the new building at the new grounds, namely, Agricultural Park, near Jordan River. The new building is rather small but very creditable in appearance and convenience. The exhibit is up to the standard and excels in the fruit display, which is very fine.

### Wednesday, 1 October 1902

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 11 a.m. Having been lawfully detained, I came into the conference meeting at the temple late, and Apostle Woodruff was speaking. He was giving a report of the trip of Pres. Young and himself to the national park and of Brother Brigham's subsequent sickness. Referred to the subject of colonizing among our people. Deplored the fact that by the withdrawal of our young people from the older and long-established settle-

ments, the aged are left to grapple with the difficulties that arise from day to day.

Apostle Clawson. Topics treated. Rejoiced in the spirit of unanimity that prevails in the quorum. When matters go right and the spirit of union characterizes our labors, little notice so to speak is taken of it, but if one of the apostles should fall by the way or be found in an attitude of rebellion, his brethren are deeply affected and the church suffers a shock. In visiting the stakes he had met a variety of conditions: some stakes were in a healthy, prosperous way, while others were spiritually sick. He was led to believe, he said, that much depends upon the presiding officers, or the head, and in our day the scripture is fulfilled which says, "as with the priest so with the people" [cf. Hosea 4:9]. Was reminded of the counsel given to him as president of a stake some years ago by Pres. Snow, who said, "Brother Clawson, in selecting your presiding officers be careful to get the right men and women; it is easy to put a man into office, not so easy to get him out." Had desired and hoped that some means would be devised by which we could more effectually reach the quorums of the priesthood than we do at present. So much of the time is taken at the stake conferences by the regular meetings and conjoint meeting of the M.I.A., there is little or none left for special instructions to the priesthood. Referred to the fact that our meetings in the stakes and wards are not as a rule well attended, which is due in part to neglect of duty by the acting teachers, who are not properly looked after by the bishops, who are not followed up by the presidents of stakes. Felt that the Mutual Improvement organizations, which are doing an excellent work, receive attention sometimes to the hurt of the quorums of the holy priesthood. Was well assured of the fact that, unless the latter was being magnified, there is no life in us. Felt to acknowledge the authority of the Presidency and his quorum, for whenever a matter was passed upon by the Apostles, or a majority of them, no matter what his views in the premises, their decision was his decision.

Apostle Hyrum M. Smith. Topics treated. Did not feel that he was equal to the responsibility of the apostleship. However, he could see that the Lord was blessing his efforts. In his recent trip south Pres. [Edward H.] Snow of the St. George Stake told him that certain changes effected previously by Apostle Woodruff and

himself were bearing good fruit. During the trip referred to, the brethren counseled the people to remain where they are and not move away, and by taking this course they would be blessed. This required faith for, said he, without the word of the Lord I could not live in some localities where the thermometer runs up to 120 degrees. He desired to live up to his own teachings. Referring to Pres. Young and said that he visited him every day before he went south. Confessed that his faith in the permanent recovery of Brother Brigham was weak, but nevertheless he proposed to go on praying for him.

Closing remarks were made by Apostle Jno. H. Smith, who said that many valuable suggestions had been thrown out by the brethren. Very much good is accomplished by visiting in the wards and settlements of the stakes where it can be done. The water rights and settlements of our people should be maintained. These mountain valleys are the nursery grounds of the Latter-day Saints, and if our people settle too much on the plains, we will suffer a loss of strength. The remarks of Brother Clawson, said he, are very pertinent. The auxiliary associations, he thought, were receiving attention at the expense of the priesthood.

Apostle Taylor said that at the recent Davis Stake Conference Pres. Winder asserted that the Davis Stake had fallen off thirty-three and one-third percent in their tithing. If this condition prevails in other stakes, should we not, he asked, make it a point to teach this law in all our stake conferences? In answer Apostle J. H. S[mith] said that one discourse on tithing should be preached at every conference, but care should be taken not to overdo it.

Minutes were read and approved, and meeting adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m. Benediction by Apostle Clawson.

#### **Thursday, 2 October 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Apostles Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Jno. W. Taylor, Marriner W. Merrill, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, Patriarch Jno. Smith, and Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "Who Are These Arrayed in White?" Pres. Jos. F. Smith was mouth in prayer, and Pres. Lund at the altar. The brethren disrobed and

sang, "O Ye Mountains High." Minutes of Sep. 25 were read and approved.

The clerk read a letter from Asahel Woodruff, president of the Northern States Mission, in which he reported the affairs of the mission as being in a fairly satisfactory condition. The elders under him were zealous in their operations. Urged the necessity of sending some experienced brethren to that mission. Forty or fifty elders are needed at this time. Asked that an apostle might be appointed to attend the fall conferences of the Northern States Mission. Request granted.

Pres. [James E.] Steele of the Bingham Stake reported as to the number of families residing in Custer County, Idaho, and said that there were only three. It was decided that they should be looked after but that the number was not sufficient to justify an organization. The stake conference appointments by date for the ensuing 6 months were read and adopted.

### *Reports*

Apostle Teasdale was at Nephi last Sunday where he attended meeting. Apostle Jno. W. Taylor attended fast meeting at the 18th Ward chapel. Apostle Merrill attended a family meeting at home. Apostle Cowley was at the Preston Ward and attended fast meeting in the afternoon and young people's meeting at night. Apostle Woodruff attended fast meeting at the temple in afternoon and meeting in his ward at night. Apostle Clawson attended fast meeting at the temple at 10 a.m. and fast meeting in 18th Ward at 2 p.m. Apostle Smoot was at Provo, where he attended fast meeting in afternoon and young people's meeting at night.

Apostle Hyrum M. Smith reported the visit of Presidents Smith and Lund and Apostles Jno. H. Smith and himself to the St. George, Parowan, and Beaver Stakes. Had a very enjoyable time. 18 meetings were held. A grand fruit festival was tendered the visitors at St. George. O[rrin] H. Snow was ordained a bishop by President Smith and set apart to preside over the Lund Ward. Harmony was separated from the St. George Stake and attached to the Parowan Stake, and it was left with the local brethren to decide whether the Pinto Ward should also be attached to said stake. Pres. Winder attended fast meeting at the temple in the forenoon and fast meeting in his ward in the afternoon. Upon motion the reports and labors of the brethren were approved.

Apostle Clawson submitted a report of the cash receipts and disbursements of the trustee-in-trust for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for the six months ending June 30, 1902, in round numbers, as follows:

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1902	\$297,907.73
Receipts from sundry sources	650,935.91
Total receipts	948,843.64
Disbursements	863,456.08
Bal. on hand, July 1, 1902	85,387.56

The report was adopted by unanimous vote.

Apostle Clawson said that there was a matter he wished to bring to the attention of the brethren, namely, that the religion class work was assuming considerable importance. A manual or guide is now being published in the Juvenile Instructor under the direction of the religion class board, which would add still further interest to this worthy cause. What is needed most at the present time is a field-worker to take the place and follow along the lines adopted by the late Karl G. Maeser. Apostle Clawson in behalf of the religion class board asked for the appointment of Louis A. Kelsch to this office. The matter was taken under advisement by the First Presidency.

Apostle Clawson offered a suggestion to the effect that the meetings of the general conference now at hand be commenced at the hour instead of 15 or 20 minutes after, as heretofore. He said that, inasmuch as the Presidency and apostles were making an effort when visiting the stakes to have the conference meetings open on time, we should certainly set the proper example in our general conferences. The purpose of beginning the meetings after time is to give the saints from a distance an opportunity to reach the appointed place before calling the meeting to order. He felt that this was unnecessary as people usually figured on the time: if it were ten, they make their calculations accordingly; if it were 10:15, they would simply figure on that hour. Though no formal action was taken, the brethren coincided with the suggestion, and Pres. Smith said an effort would be made to begin the conference meetings on time. This may seem like a small matter, but it is not.

Benediction by Apostle Hyrum M. Smith. After the tables were set, the brethren partook of the sacrament, the bread and wine having been blessed by Apostle Teasdale.



After the Presidency had withdrawn, Apostle Smoot, who was absent from our meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday, was given an opportunity to express himself. Said he thought our people on a whole were striving to live their religion. A serious trouble confronts us in the stakes of Zion, namely, the difficulty of getting suitable material to fill vacancies. Referring to himself, said that he would not neglect his calling for politics, private business, or any other consideration; and speaking of politics said that he had no doubt of the outcome as to his candidacy to the senate, if the state went Republican. In conclusion, said that he loved the brethren.

Closing remarks by Apostle Jno. H. Smith. Meeting adjourned for three months to meet on Jan. 6, 1903. Benediction by Apostle Smoot.

It would be proper here to remark that the brethren who are absent, namely, Pres. Brigham Young, and Apostles Francis M. Lyman and Heber J. Grant are constantly remembered in the prayers of the brethren, both at the opening and at the altar, and they are greatly missed in all our meetings.

### **Tuesday, 7 October 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. 10 a.m. Meeting at the assembly hall of general authorities of the church and stakes of Zion, Pres. Smith presiding.

The speakers were Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, Rudger Clawson, Seymour B. Young, and Geo. Reynolds. The principal topics presented were: proper recommends for the temple. Males over 21 and females over 18 cannot do ordinance work in the house of the Lord, without having had their endowments. Fast offerings. Tithing. Presidents of stakes should be posted relative to affairs in their stakes. 2nd anointings. Religion class work. Church divorces. District teachers' record book. Securing reservoir sites. Quorums of the lesser priesthood should be fully organized. The importance of developing the resources of the country in which we live. The binding and sealing power in the gospel. Sanitary conditions in the stakes. The importance and propriety of being wise and prudent in politics. Avoiding contentions and animosities.

At 6 p.m., accompanied by Sister Clawson, I attended a social



gathering at Apostle Abraham O. Woodruff's given at the home of his mother. There were present Presidents Winder and Lund, and Apostles Jno. W. Taylor, Matthias F. Cowley, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, and Presidents Seymour B. Young, Geo. Reynolds, J. G. Kimball, B. H. Roberts, Rulon S. Wells, and Jos. W. McMurrin, and Jno. Smith, the patriarch, Bp. [William B.] Preston, Frank Y. Taylor, Asahel Woodruff, and others, and their wives. The evening was pleasantly passed in social chat with songs and brief addresses, and a splendid supper was served at an early hour. Pres. Smith was unavoidably detained, and Apostle Jno. H. Smith was absent from the city. This was quite a notable gathering from the fact that the following prominent families were represented: Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball, Daniel H. Wells, Jno. Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, Geo. Q. Cannon, Lorenzo Snow, and Jos. F. Smith.

#### Thursday, 9 October 1902

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Apostles Teasdale, Cowley, Woodruff, Clawson, Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, and Jno. Smith, patriarch, and clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "Though Deepening Trials Throng the Way." Apostle Teasdale was mouth in prayer, and Apostle Taylor at the altar. The brethren disrobed and sang, "Sons of Michael, He Approaches." Minutes of Sep. 25 and Oct. 2, 1902, were read and approved.

The clerk read a letter from Sister Jno. G. McQuarrie acknowledging receipt of \$60.00. She said among other things that, if the Presidency had decided to keep her husband, Brother Jno. G. McQuarrie, still longer in the mission field, the decision is unjust. Pres. Smith explained that the \$60 had been sent to Sister McQuarrie to relieve her present wants, and that \$30 would be sent to her each month during the absence of her husband. After brief discussion regarding the spirit of her letter, it was decided upon motion of Apostle Clawson, that Brother Jno. G. McQuarrie be retained in the mission field until next July 1903.

Referring to another matter Pres. Smith said that Brother [Samuel] McMurphy of Cache Valley, being in great financial distress with his property and some lands in which he was interested

under mortgage to Thatcher Bros. and Z.C.M.I., the Presidency had concluded recently to authorize Zion's Savings Bank to loan him a little money—some \$2000—to relieve the situation. The church is, therefore, behind the loan. Brother McMurdy with others is trying to organize a corporation to hold and manage the lands referred to, and which are now subject to mortgage, and desires the church to subscribe the amount of the said loan in stock of the corporation. In view of the fact that nothing would be realized from this loan in its present form, it was decided to take stock in the said corporation.

The clerk read a very interesting letter from Apostle Francis M. Lyman, dated Sep. 26, 1902, regarding some difficulties that had arisen through the unwise conduct of elders, who were employing a portion of their time in sparking the girls. A letter from Jas. Duckworth, president of the Australia Mission and dated Sep. 11, was read. The prospects for that mission are good, although the elders are experiencing trouble with the Josephites.

Apostle Woodruff was appointed by unanimous vote to visit the Northern States Mission and attend the fall conferences that are under appointment.

Stake conference appointments: Emery, Apostle Cowley; Utah, First Presidency and Apostle Clawson. Benediction by Apostle Cowley.

### **Sunday, 12 October 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 7 a.m. Left by train for Preston and was joined at Logan by Bp. Wm. B. Preston. The purpose of our visit was to confer with the presidency of the stake and the four wards of Preston in regard to the building of a new tithing office to be used jointly for the benefit of the said four wards, also to decide whether it would be wisdom to sell the public square or any portion thereof. The First Presidency had advised that as a rule it would not be wise to do so. Incidentally we were expected to attend the meetings of the saints. We arrived at noon and visited the square and other church property.

2 p.m. Meeting in the academy building, Pres. [William C.] Parkinson presiding. Bp. Preston was the first speaker and dwelt upon the following topics. Missionary work. The training of our children. Calling of our boys to hold the priesthood. Tithing. R.

Clawson. Topics treated. The eternal character of the Lord's commandments to the children of men.

4:30 p.m. Meeting of the visiting brethren, the stake presidency, the bishopric[s] of the 4 wards. The purpose of our visit was discussed, and it was finally decided that a tithing office should be built after the plan furnished by the Presiding Bishopric, which was a little smaller in dimensions than the plan furnished by the bishops of Preston. Upon the explanation of Pres. Parkinson that the question of selling a portion of the public square was referred to Pres. Woodruff some years [ago] and decided by him that it might be done, it was now determined to resubmit the matter to Pres. Smith.

7:30 p.m. General meeting of the academy building, Pres. Parkinson presiding. Elder Alma Larson spoke and made confession of his wayward course of life and asked forgiveness. Upon motion he was forgiven by unanimous vote. I followed and dwelt at some length upon the principle of integrity. Bp. Wm. B. Preston. Topics. Good order in our meetings. The saloon evil.

### Wednesday, 15 October 1902

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple (held today instead of tomorrow to give the brethren an opportunity to attend the exercises at the B. Y. Academy on the 16th in honor of the founding of the academy). Present: President Anthon H. Lund, and Apostles Geo. Teasdale, Matthias F. Cowley, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, Jno. Smith, pat., and G. F. Gibbs, clerk. Minutes of Thursday, Oct. 9, 1902, were read and approved. Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Apostle Jno. H. Smith came in. Conference appointments: Weber, Apostles Clawson and Hyrum M. Smith.

The clerk read a letter from Wm. T. Jack, pres. Cassia Stake, in which he stated that the new stake house had been completed and was ready for dedication. He extended a cordial invitation to the brethren to attend the coming stake conference in Nov. Apostle Jno. H. Smith was appointed to attend said conference.

### *Reports*

Apostle Jno. H. Smith reported the visit of Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Apostle[s] Teasdale, Hyrum M. Smith, and himself to the Utah Stake Confer-

ence. A very interesting time was had.

Apostle Cowley attended the Emery Stake Conference. Nine bishops out of 13 were present and many stake authorities also. Most of the presiding brethren and sisters were called upon to report. Elders [Louis A.] Kelsch and Halliday were in attendance and gave some good talks. Apostle Clawson reported that he attended meetings in Preston and also visited the Oneida Stake academy on Monday.

Apostle Smoot attended a convention at Kamas, at which there were representatives from four stakes, namely, Summit, Morgan, Davis, and Weber. The convention was called to investigate some questions concerning a reservoir enterprise. Their deliberations were characterized by a spirit of harmony, and he felt that good would result therefrom.

Pres. Jos. F. Smith announced that the claim of Dr. Jos. S. Richards against the church amounting to \$55,000, which was recently submitted for arbitration, was disallowed by the arbitrators, who decided that there was no cause for action. Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Pres. Winder.

#### **Thursday, 16 October 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. I spent the day in Provo going there for the purpose of attending the exercises commemorative of the founding of the Brigham Young Academy. Of the authorities there were present: Pres. A. H. Lund, and Apostles Jno. H. Smith, Reed Smoot, and myself. We were met at the depot at 10 a.m. by the students of the academy, numbering about 800, who marched up to the tabernacle just ahead of our carriages, displaying their banners and various mottoes. The exercises in the tabernacle consisted of addresses by the visitors, members of the original or first school board, and singing by the academy choir. The name of Brigham Young was much honored upon this occasion, and the school which he founded is certainly a grand institution. We returned to Salt Lake at 4:15 p.m.

#### **Wednesday, 22 October 1902**

Salt Lake City,  
October 22, 1902.

Apostle Francis M. Lyman,

My dear Brother:

Today's mail brings you a stray leaf. I write you a line regarding Elder H. J. R. [Homer J. Rich] and his home affairs. He is married to M. J. [Sarah Maude Jensen] of B[ri]gham City, a very estimable young lady, who is in every way worthy of his devotion and faithful allegiance. Through the meddling interference of a certain young married woman, who has diligently sought to poison H.'s mind against his wife, a rupture followed and almost led up to a divorce. His departure for a mission frustrated the designs of the enemy.

H. has ceased writing to his wife, although he addressed one or two letters to her soon after arriving in Great Britain. It is understood that the woman who exercised such a potent influence over him at home is now in communication with him by letter and is writing things (though untruthful) that are very hurtful to M. Now, if H. allows himself to be influenced by this woman and her evil reports, or in fact by anybody contrary to the spirit of righteousness, it will undoubtedly lead to a divorce in the end, which would be lamentable. H. is a young man, an orphan, as well as being a missionary in the field, and is much in need of a little good counsel. Brother Lyman, could you not take this matter in hand and do something for a worthy young woman in Zion as well as to prevent if possible the commission of a serious blunder by one of your active, promising young elders. This is perhaps somewhat of a delicate subject, but, with your wide and varied experience, you will know better than I can tell you how to get at it. Any word from you respecting this important matter will be duly appreciated. I remain, as ever,

Your brother, and friend, and well-wisher,  
[signed] Rudger Clawson

**Thursday, 23 October 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple.  
Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Apostles Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Marriner W.

Merrill, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, and Hyrum M. Smith. The brethren clothed and sang, "An Angel from on High." Apostle Hyrum M. Smith was mouth in prayer, and Apostle Jno. H. Smith was mouth at the altar. The brethren disrobed and sang, "Glory to God on High." The minutes of Oct. 15 were read and approved.

The clerk read a letter from the presidency of the Malad Stake, in which they called attention to the fact that Moroni Ward, who is bishop of the Washakie Ward, is also a counselor in the presidency of the stake. They, therefore, recommended that he be released from the bishopric and that Geo. M. Ward, his son, be appointed as his successor. Recommendation adopted by unanimous vote.

Conference appointments: Cache, Apostles Jno. H. Smith, M. W. Merrill; Alpine, Apostles Clawson and Hyrum M. Smith; Juab, Apostle Teasdale; Bannock, M. F. Cowley.

### *Reports*

Pres. Jno. R. Winder reported his attendance at a meeting held in Mill Creek last Sunday. Apostle Jno. H. Smith reported the attendance of Pres. Lund, and Apostles Teasdale, and Smoot, and himself at the funeral of the late Pres. Canute Peterson at Ephraim. The occasion was one of much interest.

Apostle Teasdale reported not only his attendance at the funeral aforesaid but also the Weber Stake Conference at which the following brethren were also present: Pres. Smith, and Apostles Clawson and Smoot. Much valuable instruction was given. Pres. Smith, he said, preached a powerful discourse on priesthood.

Apostle M. W. Merrill attended a special meeting in Franklin on Sunday last. While there a question arose as to whether the elders going to Samoa would be permitted to take their wives. In answer to this question Pres. Smith said it would depend largely upon the character of the wives. If they were women of faith and good example, there would be no objection to their going.

Pres. Lund said that it would soon become necessary to install a new president in the South San Pete Stake and there is but little material in that part of the country to select from. Henry Beal, he thought, was about as strong a man as could be found in the stake, and he is getting rather old. He felt, however, that Brother Beal ought to be considered in view of his faithfulness and integrity.

Pres. Smith suggested that it might be a good thing to take Brother Beal for president and give him two young, active, wide-awake, progressive counselors, which thought was concurred in by a number of the brethren. Apostle Smoot expressed the highest regard for Brother Beal, but thought better results would be obtained if Henry Beal was ordained a patriarch and a young man like Robert Anderson of Manti chosen for president. The latter, he said, was young, active, and enterprising and would give a strong administration. After some further discussion, the matter went over for one week.

Apostle Hyrum M. Smith called attention to the Panguitch Stake and said that in his judgment some action looking to the reorganization of the presidency was imperative. To use a common expression, things in that stake were "dead," and every organization was suffering from neglect. The president, though a good man, is, nevertheless, weak. It seemed to be the general sentiment of the meeting that something should be done in the matter. Pres. Smith asked the brethren to give attention to the subject and be prepared at an early day to suggest names from which to select a president.

Apostle Clawson said that Sister Phoebe Kimball, his aunt, desired a little counsel as to whether it would be right and proper to sell the old homestead of the late Heber C. Kimball, situated on East Temple [Main] Street. The property now belongs to her but she feels that she is not in a position to carry it, owing to taxes and other expenses. The house itself, though it might be kept in good repair, is not modern, and will, therefore, bring but a small revenue. Brother Clawson was instructed to tell Sister Kimball that she must act upon her own judgment and do the best she can. Pres. Smith said that it would be unfortunate for this property to go into the hands of the gentiles, and, therefore, the sons of Pres. Kimball should unite together and purchase it, which could be done for \$15,000. Apostle Clawson pointed out the fact that most, if not all, of the sons of Pres. Kimball are financially broke.

Bp. E. D. Woolley of Ogden wrote a long letter, explaining that there were so many auxiliary organization meetings to be provided for in his ward that there were not sufficient nights in the week to cover the demand, and asked the brethren for counsel and instructions in this matter. The clerk was directed to say to

him that he must do the best he can.

Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Pres. Lund.

### **Wednesday, 29 October 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. At 10 a.m. attended a meeting of the executive committee of the Utah Light and Power Co. At 2:30 p.m. attended a meeting of the general church board of education. At 4 p.m. a meeting of the general board of religion classes, and at 5 p.m. a meeting of the general board of the Y.M.M.I.A.

At 6 p.m. Prof. [Joseph F.] Merrill of the University of Utah called in by appointment to have a little talk with Rudger R., who is attending the Latter-day Saints University at present but expects finally to take a course at the state school. His present intention is to complete the four years course at the church school in three in order to save time. By doing this he would have to dispense with the study of theology, to which I am opposed. Prof. Merrill took the same view as myself and advised him to take the full four years course, including theology. He would then get a certificate which would be received at the university. My son has had the very best of counsel in this matter, and I trust he will give heed to it.

### **Thursday, 30 October 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith and Jno. R. Winder, and Apostles Teasdale, Clawson, Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith. Minutes of Oct. 3 read and approved. The brethren clothed and sang, "Zion Stands with Hills Surrounded." Apostle Clawson was mouth in prayer, and Pres. Jos. F. Smith at the altar. Song, "Glory to God on High." Pres. Lund and Patriarch Jno. Smith came in.

A letter from Benj. Cluff, Jr., was read, in which he stated that founders day of the Beaver branch of the B.Y.A. would be celebrated Oct. 31, and he solicited the attendance of Pres. Smith and any others he might choose to invite. Pres. Smith said that he did not see his way clear to accept, nor did any of the other brethren. Stake conference appointments: Oneida, Apostles Smoot and Cowley; Jordan, Presidents Smith and Lund; Summit, Apostle Teasdale; South San Pete, Y.M.M.I.A. Convention, Apostle Clawson.



The clerk read a letter from Elder [David] Brinkerhoff of Tuba regarding the proposition of the government to buy out the people of that place. Each separate property was appraised, and amounted in all to about \$48,000, which was to have been paid over on July 1st, this year. The settlement was not made, and it looks, said he, as if the trade had fallen through. The turn affairs had taken seemed to be satisfactory to the people, as the great majority of them are not now desirous of selling their holdings in that part of the country. And furthermore, the Indians are not unfriendly, as reported. It became the sense of the meeting that the settlement be not abandoned.

Pres. H. S. Allen of the Cardston [Alberta] Stake wanted instructions regarding what action should be taken in the case of those who engage in the saloon business and members of the church who get drunk. The clerk was directed to write him that in all such cases, after all other proper means were exhausted, they should be handled for their fellowship.

A communication from Elder [John B.] Fairbanks, the artist, was read. He had started, he said, a school of art, but after mature consideration, he had come to the conclusion that this was a move that should be undertaken by the church, which is in a position to make it an institution of the first rank. Pres. Winder moved that it be the sense of the meeting that the church do not engage in this business. Carried.

Elder Jesse W. Crosby enclosed a letter from Mayor Conley of Billings, Montana, who wrote in relation to certain very desirable lands about 80 miles north of the Big Horn country. He said the lands could be purchased at a low figure and he was desirous that our people should colonize them. It was decided by unanimous vote that we could not at present entertain any proposition in that direction.

Apostle Smoot said that the temperance people of Provo desired Elder Jos. B. Keeler to join with them in this movement, and that Brother Keeler wished to know how far it might be proper for him to go. In view of the fact that the Mormon people are in every sense a temperance people, it was thought best for Elder Keeler to hold himself aloof from alliance with this movement.

### *Reports*

[Orrin P.] Miller and Jos. W. McMurrin were also present. They had a good time.

Apostle Clawson and Hyrum M. Smith attended the Alpine Stake Conference held at American Fork. Brother Clawson said the meetings were largely attended and the presidency of the stake and all stake presidencies spoke. Pres. [Stephen L.] Chipman has things well in hand and is accomplishing a good work. The benefits arising from the division of the Utah Stake were quite apparent at this conference.

Apostle Smoot reported the attendance of Pres. Winder and himself at the Cache Stake Conference, where the meetings on Sunday were largely attended but poorly attended on Monday. Pres. Lund reported the attendance of Pres. Smith and himself at a meeting of the Deseret Sunday School board on Sunday, which lasted eight and [a] half hours. The purpose of the meeting was to consider the Sunday School manual or guide that is being prepared.

Apostle Clawson said that a spirit of indifference or neglect is manifested in many wards by the bishops regarding the standing of those who move into their wards, and as a result there [are] people in various wards in the church who have no standing whatever. This is true of many district school teachers. He moved that a letter be prepared and sent to the bishops, instructing them in a known but much-neglected duty. Pres. Smith suggested that Apostle Clawson prepare the letter and then submit it to the Presidency. Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Pres. Lund.

At the close of the meeting Pres. Smith invited the brethren to step into the Elders' Room, which had been recently renovated and the walls tinted. It was the unanimous opinion of all that taste and good judgment had been displayed by those who had the work in charge. Pres. Smith proposed that the Apostles' Room be treated in like manner. The suggestion was concurred in by all present.

Before final separation Apostle Smoot introduced an important question by suggesting that all two-day quarterly [stake] conferences be discontinued and that a one-day's conference with three meetings be substituted. Said conference to be held on the Sabbath day. In support of said proposition, he reminded the brethren of the partial failure in some instances and total failure

in others of the weekday meeting. The Salt Lake and Alpine Stakes were meeting with gratifying success in this matter. A one-day's conference with three rousing, good meetings would accomplish fully as much good as [a] two-day's conference conducted in the usual way. At least this was his view of the situation. Upon motion of Pres. Winder the matter was taken under advisement for one week.

### **Wednesday, 5 November 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cold. I attended three meetings during the day, namely, executive meeting of the Utah Light and Power Co. at 10 a.m., religion class board meeting at 4 p.m., and Y.M.M.I.A. board meeting at 5 p.m.

During the day I took what to me is a very important step, namely, the closing up of all my accounts at the stores. I shall now make a very strong effort to pay as I go. The evil of running accounts is quite apparent to me, but I presume it will be difficult to overcome the habit of years. It is so easy to say "charge it," and withal so pleasant, that the day of reckoning, which will come with unerring certainty, is lost sight of. In order to carry out the resolution herein referred to, I was under the necessity of borrowing \$80.00.

### **Thursday, 6 November 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Pres. Anthon H. Lund, and Apostles Geo. Teasdale, Marriner W. Merrill, Matthias F. Cowley, Rudger Clawson, and Reed Smoot. The minutes of Oct. 30 were read and approved. Presidents Smith and Winder and Apostle Jno. H. Smith now came into the meeting, having been detained by an important engagement.

After some discussion it was decided upon the suggestion of Pres. Smith that Henry Beal be made president of [South] San Pete Stake. It was felt by the brethren that he should have two young, active counselors. Conference appointments: South San Pete, Presidents Smith and Lund and Apostle Smoot; Bingham, Apostle Clawson; Wasatch, Apostle Teasdale; Cassia, Apostle Jno. H. Smith; Tintic Ward, Apostle Cowley.

extended an invitation to the Presidency to attend the dedicatory services of the Fielding Academy, Paris, next Sunday. The clerk now read a letter that had been prepared by Apostle Clawson in relation to "floating" members of the church throughout Zion. The matter was discussed and referred to a committee, namely, Apostles Teasdale and Clawson, for further amendments.

A letter was read from Bp. [William] Edwards for Greenville, Beaver Stake, in which assistance was asked to help build a Relief Society hall. The matter was referred to the presidency of that stake with instructions to investigate and make recommendation. Genl. Supt. [Joseph M.] Tanner addressed a communication to the council in regard to the duties of stake boards of education and made some recommendations in reference thereto.

Apostle Clawson called attention to the fact that it had been decided by the council about a year ago to *further divide* the Salt Lake Stake with Main St. as the dividing line. The brethren went so far in this matter as to consider names for the new presidencies, but later it was decided to postpone action for a time. Bro. Clawson said that he now referred to the subject for the reason that we are rapidly approaching the end of the year. If any change is to be made, it should be made at once. Some things have occurred since last year, he said, that seem to emphasize the importance of this move, namely, the dividing up of a number of the wards in Salt Lake City until we now have 35 [32] in all, with a population of 28,000 souls. Brother Clawson further remarked that every argument heretofore advanced for the dividing of stakes applied with equal force to the present case. He thought it not too much to say that the results following the divisions heretofore effected were magnificent. No presidency of a stake in his opinion could do justice to 35 wards and 28,000 people, for it would certainly be a tremendous labor. With Main Street as the division line, the church population on the east side would be 12,898, and on the west, 11,932, thus making two of the largest stakes in Zion. He was the more in favor of the change because it could be effected without disturbing existing conditions only so far as improvement is concerned. The temple block might be reserved as independent territory under the immediate control of the First Presidency, who would preside in the tabernacle meetings in person or appoint the two new presidents to preside alternately, the saints of the two

stakes meeting conjointly in the afternoon and in their respective wards at night. Brother Clawson concluded by saying that if we would plan for the welfare—both spiritual and temporal—of the people of Salt Lake Stake, as well as to develop talent that is now dormant, the change proposed is absolutely essential. Upon motion of Apostle Cowley, the matter was referred to the First Presidency for final action.

### *Reports*

Apostle Jno. H. Smith said that he attended fast meeting in 17th Ward last Sunday and the Fremont Stake Conference the week before. Apostle Teasdale attended Relief Society conference at Nephi last Friday at which an excellent spirit prevailed. On Sat. and Sunday was present at the Summit Stake Conference at Coalville, and on Wednesday in company with Apostle Cowley attended founders day exercises at Ephraim Academy, which was a profitable occasion.

Apostle Merrill said that he attended the Oneida Stake Conference Sunday. Brother Cowley was also present, as also the presidency of the Benson Stake. The meetings were crowded and much good instruction given.

Apostle Cowley said that, in addition to the places already named, he attended conference in Gentile Valley of the Bannock Stake, week before last. Had also attended some priesthood meetings at Oakley, Cassia Stake, which were largely attended. The Oakley meeting house is completed, and at one of the meetings named Pres. [William T.] Jack took up a collection to pay for seats and realized \$600 from his effort. While at the Oneida Stake Conference ordained Wm. Georgeson, bishop of Cedar Ward.

Apostle Clawson reported the young men's convention at Manti and said that it was a profitable gathering. In the evening he gave a brief account of the martyrdom of Joseph Standing. He remarked that Manti was behind the times in many respects due, he thought, to a lack of enterprise on the part of those who preside. The Manti tabernacle is unfinished, and there is no choir in the place. A change is needed.

Apostle Smoot attended meeting at Provo last Sunday, also a funeral. Pres. Lund said that he was at the Jordan Stake Conference held at Sandy. A good spirit prevailed. Pres. Smith was at home all day Sunday ministering to the sick in his own family. Pres.

Winder attended the funeral of Jos. Hugely last Sat. at Mill Creek and the temple fast meeting on Sunday.

The reports and labors of the brethren were approved. Benediction by Apostle Jno. H. Smith.

### **Friday, 7 November 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. I spent the day during the forenoon at the President's office. At 5 p.m. accompanied by Lydia and the children, I attended a reunion of the Clawson family at the 18th Ward amusement hall. This was the first event of the kind held in the family, and was given in honor of father's seventy-sixth birthday. Now I think of it, there was a similar gathering only on a smaller scale last year. There were father and his two living wives, 28 children, and over 100 grandchildren present, and as they stood upon the stage repeating the Lord's Prayer, and later as they were grouped for a flashlight photograph, and still later as the children marched around the room in step with the music, I do not remember of having witnessed a more beautiful sight. It was a moment of joy and gladness when presents were distributed to the grandchildren.

Most excellent refreshments were partaken of during the evening. The following interesting program was carried out:

Song, by the family  
 Lord's Prayer (opening), grandchildren  
 Shower of flowers, under direction Georgie Foote  
 Dialogue, Elsie and Myrtle Green  
 Whistling, Monroe Clawson  
 Quartet, S. B., Shirley, Seldon Clawson, and Seymour B. Young, Jr.  
 Recitation, Kinksley Clawson  
 Punch and Judy, under direction Fred Clawson  
 Shadow pantomime, by the boys  
 Grand march to fishpond, grandchildren  
 Refreshments at 6:30 p.m.  
 Distributions of souvenirs  
 Benediction and blessing, by father

The affair closed at 11 p.m. and was pronounced by all a grand success. Father is indeed blessed in having so many beautiful

children. Father was presented with a new suit of clothes, hat, and pair of shoes costing about \$80.00 in all by his children as an expression of their love and confidence.

#### **Thursday, 13 November 1902**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cold. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: the First Presidency, Apostles Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Jno. W. Taylor, Matthias F. Cowley, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, and Jno. Smith, patriarch. The brethren clothed and sang, "Come, Let Us Anew." Pres. Winder was mouth in prayer, and Apostle Smoot in the circle. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "Come, All Ye Sons of Zion." The minutes of Nov. 6 were read and approved.

The council were notified by letter from Pres. [Ira N.] Hinckley, Millard Stake, that Orvil L. Thompson had been selected as bishop of Scipio, subject to the approval of the brethren. The selection was approved by unanimous vote.

Apostle Smoot stated that Pres. Hinckley felt desirous of tendering his resignation as president of the Millard Stake. His health is not the best, and if he were honorably released, he would move to Provo, where some of his children are attending school. It was decided that he be released, and the brethren were instructed to come to the meeting next Thursday prepared to suggest names from which to choose his successor.

Stake conferences: Star Valley, M. F. Cowley; Snowflake, Hyrum M. Smith; Nebo, Apostles Clawson and Jno. H. Smith; Granite, Pres. Winder and Jno. W. Taylor; South San Pete, Presidents Smith and Lund, and Reed Smoot.

#### ***Reports***

Apostle Jno. H. Smith congratulated Pres. Smith on reaching his 64th birthday. Brother Smith said that he attended the Cassia Stake Conference Sat. and Sunday, and while there dedicated the new meeting house at Oakley, which was a fine building but too small for stake conferences. Will seat about 600 people. There is a good feeling among the saints. Crops reasonably fair. At one meeting a show of hands was called and it was ascertained that there were present four brethren and three sisters who had known the Prophet Joseph Smith. He ordained the following brethren patriarchs in the church: Jas. W. Phippen, Jas. Dayley, and Thos. Dunn.

Apostle Teasdale said that he attended the Wasatch Stake Conference last Sat. and Sunday. Made special mention of the kindergarten work being accomplished in the Sunday School. Some splendid exercises were given along this line Sunday morning.

Apostle Taylor attended the funeral of Susan Clark of Farmington during the past week. On Sunday attended meeting at West Layton. He said that he recently visited Ottawa, eastern Canada, to make arrangements for more land for our people in Canada. Owing to unsettled conditions politically, nothing was accomplished, but the application will be considered later.

Brother Taylor said that Bp. [David] Stoker of So. [East] Bountiful desired to resign his bishopric for the reason that he had secured employment in Salt Lake. In Apostle Taylor's judgment the resignation should be accepted.

Apostle Cowley attended meeting in Eureka Sat. night and on Sunday. There is a fine meeting house there but with a debt of \$2000 still upon it. The brethren there are withdrawing from the lodges.

Brother Clawson said that he attended the Bingham Stake Conference held at Idaho Falls Sunday and Monday. The stake presidency, the bishops of wards, and all the stake presidents of organizations reported, and he was impressed with the thought that President [James E.] Steele had matters well in hand.

Apostle Smoot reported the attendance of Presidents Smith and Lund and himself at the Bear Lake Stake Conference Sat. and Sunday. Conditions in that stake were favorable. Crops fairly good. On Monday the visitors attended school exercises at the Fielding Academy. There were 200 pupils present. The dedication of the building was deferred on account of a debt of \$7000 still remaining unpaid.

Pat. Jno. Smith remained home all day Sunday to write letters and on Monday went to Provo to see his sick boy. He said that Black Jane [i.e., Jane Manning James] had called on him and wanted to know when the curse would be taken off that she might have her endowments. Brother John was instructed to tell her to be patient and wait a little longer; that the Lord has his eye on her and would be far better to her than ever she had dreamed.

Pres. Winder attended ward conference at Taylorsville and on Monday attended the funeral of Orson H. Pettit. Later attended



an officers meeting of the Primary Ass. in the 21st Ward. Pres. Smith reported that he spoke at the new 21st Ward chapel Tuesday evening, his text being "The Prophet Joseph." Reports and labors were approved.

Pres. Smith spoke of the excommunication of Elder [Otto] Rydman and the agitation among the Swedish members of the church, which he said was brought about through the efforts of apostates, who were throwing dust in the eyes of the people. Apostle Teasdale, who recently returned from the Wasatch Stake, said that it was the desire of the presidency and high council that Heber City (now two wards) be divided into three wards and Midway into two wards. Midway has a church population of 1000, and Heber City, 1500. After some discussion, it was decided to make the division as suggested.

Pres. Smith said that everything looks favorable for Brother Smoot's appointment to the United States senate. The only opposition comes from anti-Mormon sources. As members of the council, we must be consistent and stand by our views heretofore expressed, and so continue unless otherwise determined. Benediction by Pres. Jos. F. Smith.

### **Saturday, 15 November 1902**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cold. 7:55 a.m. Left for Payson to attend the Nebo Stake Conference arriving at 10:20 a.m. and were driven immediately to the Payson meeting house where conference was in session.

2 p.m. Continuation of conference, Pres. [Jonathan S.] Page presiding. The speakers were Pres. J. S. Page, Jr., who said that the presidency of the stake and high council were united and worked together harmoniously. A new building is being erected by donation in Payson at a cost of about \$3000, in which will be provided rooms for the presidency and high council, and stake tithing clerk, and also a vault for the storing of stake records. Importance of record keeping. I spoke upon the importance of the religion class work and explained its scope and nature.

Pres. Page then showed us through the new building intended for the presidency and high council. It is a fine structure, being constructed of pressed brick with stone sills and lintels. There are three rooms and a vault. Much credit is due to Pres. Page and the

brethren for this very necessary and desirable piece of work. Though the attendance at the conference was rather poor, the reports were, nevertheless, quite spirited.

#### **Thursday, 20 November 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear with snow on the ground. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Apostles Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Jno. W. Taylor, Marriner W. Merrill, Matthias F. Cowley, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, and Jno. Smith, patriarch, also the clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "Redeemer of Israel." Apostle Merrill was mouth in prayer, and Pres. Lund at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "A Saint! and Is the Title Mine?" The minutes of Nov. 13 were read and approved.

Apostle Woodruff writing from Kansas City gave an account of his visit and labors in the Northern States Mission, where he had attended a number of interesting conferences with the elders and saints. Asahel Woodruff, pres. [of the] N.W. [Northern] States Mission, also reported the labors of Apostle Woodruff under separate cover.

The presidency of the Davis Stake recommended Dan Muir as bishop of West Bountiful Ward to succeed Bishop [Lewis M.] Grant, deceased. The council took up a question from the Y.M.M.I.A. general board, as follows: Apostle Merrill had recently advised the young ladies of the Benson Stake to meet in the afternoon instead of the evening as heretofore. The young ladies were rather opposed to this change as it would interfere with the preliminary program provided in the manual for conjoint use by both organizations. The question to be determined was this, should the young ladies be required to hold their meetings in the afternoon, thus interfering with the plan followed generally throughout the church or should they meet in the evening? Apostle Merrill said in defense of his position that the young ladies—his own daughters among them—through attendance at said meetings were often out until 11 and 12 o'clock at night, and he objected to it. He referred to the many evils that usually grow out of the habit of keeping late hours. Apostle Jno. H. Smith spoke strongly in regard to the many evils practiced among the young people of the church. He endorsed Apostle Merrill's position. He

thought some steps should be taken to stem the tide of evil.

Apostle Clawson said that he appreciated the fact that evils existed among the young, but he did not think that this unfortunate condition was enhanced by the Mutual Improvement organizations. He believed that the objection offered by Apostle Merrill might be met in part, if not altogether, by commencing the meetings at a uniformly early hour—6:30 or 7 p.m. instead of 8 and 8:30 p.m. Pres. Smith expressed the view that the sexual evils in our midst did not arise from or because of the M.I.A. meetings, but rather from other causes. These organizations certainly have a restraining influence upon the minds of the young.

After some further discussion, Apostle Clawson moved that the general board of the Y.M.M.I.A. be instructed to make a special effort to establish a uniformly early hour for commencing the evening meetings throughout the stakes of Zion. The motion was seconded, but was not carried for the reason that Pres. Smith suggested that a committee be appointed to investigate the matter and report. Suggestion approved.

Conference appointments: Benson, Apostles Merrill and Cowley; Box Elder, Apostles Taylor and Clawson; Millard, Pres. Lund and Apostle Smoot.

### *Reports*

Apostle Teasdale said that he attended the Mona Ward Conference, Juab Stake. Good meetings. It was record day and the ward records were duly inspected.

Apostle Taylor attended conference at Granite Stake, which was largely attended and profitable. Pres. Winder was also present. Apostle T. attended the funeral of Alma Pratt Sunday afternoon.

Apostle Cowley attended the Star Valley Conference being accompanied by L. A. Kelsch. Poor attendance of bishops. In addition to other gatherings had a M.I.A. meeting and religion class meeting.

Apostle Clawson said that he attended the Nebo Stake Conference held at Payson. Apostle Jno. H. Smith and Pat. Jno. Smith were also present. Meetings poorly attended on Saturday, crowded on Sunday. All stake presidencies and a number of bishops reported. Pres. [Jonathan S.] Page is an extremely modest man, so much so that his true worth does not appear on the service [surface]. He has matters pretty well in hand.

Apostle Smoot reported the attendance of Pres. Smith, Pres. Lund, and himself at the Manti Stake Conference. The presidency of the South San Pete Stake was reorganized, but instead of putting in Henry Beal as previously determined, it was decided after due consideration on the ground to call Lewis G. Anderson to the presidency with Jos. Y. Jensen and Gustave A. Iverson as counselors. Brother Beal was continued as supt. of construction of academy and was made president of the Snow Academy board. He was also ordained a patriarch, as was Jno. B. Maiben. Lewis Robert Anderson was made stake president of Y.M.M.I.A.

The letter prepared by Apostle Clawson, which was read at last meeting and referred to Apostles Clawson and Teasdale for further consideration, having been slightly amended, was reread and adopted by unanimous vote. Benediction by Apostle Clawson.

At 8 p.m. I attended a meeting of the Clawson brothers, which was called for the purpose of determining, or rather discussing, the wisdom and propriety of having a family organization. Present: Bradley, Spencer, Stanley, myself, and Selden. After some talk bearing upon the many phases of a family organization, it was decided so far as we were concerned that it would be a proper step to take. Selden was in favor of an organization for social purposes only; the other boys were in favor of organizing not only for social but financial purposes. It was thought that if each head of a family would pay monthly into a fund a given amount for each member of the family financial strength would follow. The means thus raised might be used for burying the dead, temple work for our ancestry, for investment, &c. Adjournment was finally reached but with the understanding that another meeting should be called for further consideration of the subject, after which the matter will in all probability be referred to the family for final action.

### **Sunday, 23 November 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 7 a.m. Accompanied by Lydia, left for Brigham City to attend the Box Elder Stake Conference. Apostle Jno. W. Taylor joined us at Farmington.

2 p.m. Continuation of conference, Pres. Chas. Kelly presiding. The first speaker was Pres. Chas. Kelly. Topics treated. Brief report of stake. The evil of faultfinding. Opposition to the holy priesthood. S. B. Young. Topics treated. The evil of strong drink.

Word of wisdom. R. Clawson. Topics. Exaltation. Apostasy. Apostle Jno. W. Taylor. Topics treated. Rebellion. Apostasy.

6:30 p.m. General priesthood meeting, Pres. Kelly presiding. Apostle Jno. W. Taylor was the speaker. Topics treated. Said that those who have sexual intercourse with their wives or touch any dead body are unclean until evening, and, therefore, during that day should not enter the temple or officiate in the ordinances of the gospel. Advised the brethren not to eat pork or use it in their families. Dwelt upon the power and authority of the holy priesthood. Testified that he had seen the face of the Savior in vision by night.

### **Wednesday, 26 November 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cold. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Apostles Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Jno. W. Taylor, Matthias F. Cowley, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, and Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk.

Pres. Smith read a subpoena signed by U.S. Marshal [Benjamin B.] Heywood, summoning Jno. Nicholson to appear before the grand jury and bring with him the temple marriage records No. A. and No. A-1. Pres. Smith remarked that he did not know what the grand jury had in view but presumed they sought some evidence that might be used against Reed Smoot, prospective senator from Utah. The policy to be followed in this matter was not determined.

The brethren clothed and sang, "Though Deepening Trials Throng the Way." Prayer by Apostle Cowley, and Apostle Teasdale mouth at the altar. Song, "Come, All Ye Sons of God." The minutes of Nov. 20 were read and approved. The Union Stake Conference was postponed indefinitely on account of sickness.

### ***Reports***

Apostle Jno. H. Smith reported the attendance of Pres. Jno. R. Winder, Apostle Teasdale, and himself at the domestic conference of the B. Y. Academy, Provo, last Sunday. The status of the pupils from the various stakes was very favorable. A choice spirit prevailed in the meetings. The academy being in need of another school building, it was decided at a later meeting, Pres. Smith being in attendance, to divide the expense—namely, about \$18,000—be-

tween the five stakes belonging to that church school district.

Apostle Jno. W. Taylor attended the Box Elder Stake Conference. Large attendance and good meetings. Priesthood meeting Sunday night, 66 presiding authorities present and a large number of the brethren. Apostle Cowley accompanied Apostle Merrill to the Benson Stake Conference, being held at Smithfield. The reports were encouraging.

Apostle Clawson attended the Box Elder Stake Conference in company with Apostle Taylor. Was mouth in ordaining Jas. Nelson, Jr., bishop of Thatcher Ward. One of the stake presidency reported a large number of people in the various wards of the stake without a standing in the church, which emphasized the importance of the letter of instructions recently passed upon by the council.

Apostle Reed Smoot, Presidents Jos. F. Smith and Anthon H. Lund attended the Millard Stake Conference at Oasis. Attendance poor on account of bad roads. Reports only fair. Considerable interest shown in the M.I.A. work. Pres. Ira N. Hinckley was honorably released, and Alonzo A. Hinckley called to succeed him, with Thos. C. Callister, 1st counselor, and Geo. A. Seamon, 2nd counselor. Daniel Thompson and David R. Stevens were ordained patriarchs, and Orville L. Thompson, a high priest and bishop of Scipio. After the conference the brethren visited the Desert reservoir and found considerable work had been done. Benediction by Apostle Reed Smoot.

8 p.m. Meeting of the Clawson brothers. Present: Bradley, Spencer, myself, Leo, and Selden. I should have said, the committee on organization. We discussed the subject of organization further and decided that we would call the family together and submit the following recommendations. First, that we organize the family under the title of the Clawson Union. Second, that each head of a family who is identified with the union be assessed 25c per capita for his family monthly. Third, that the management of moneys arising from said fund be under the direction and control of a board of 7 directors, namely (for the first term): Hiram B. Clawson, president; Rudger Clawson, vice president; Spencer Clawson, secretary and treasurer; and Jno. Groesbeck, Alex. Campbell, Selden I. Clawson, and Oliver C. Green. Adjourned.

**Friday, 28 November 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cold. At 10 a.m. attended a meeting of the executive committee of the Utah Light and Power Co.

We have concluded to rent our old home at the rear of 49 Canyon Road to Brother Jno. Anderson of Brigham City, and I have been busy all the afternoon in assisting to get it ready. The rent will be \$35.00 per month.

**Thursday, 4 December 1902**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cool. 10:20 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Apostles Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Jno. W. Taylor, Marriner W. Merrill, Matthias F. Cowley, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Jno. Smith, pat., and Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "Let Us Pray, Gladly Pray." Apostle Taylor opened, and Pat. Jno. Smith was mouth at the altar. Song, "Guide Us, O Thou Great Jehovah." The minutes of Nov. 26 were read and approved.

The clerk read a letter from the presidency of the St. George Stake, in which they recommended the division of the St. George Ward, with Isaac C. Macfarlane for bishop of the St. George East Ward and Jas. McArthur, bishop of the St. George West Ward. Upon motion of Apostle Clawson the recommendation was adopted, and Apostles Cowley and Clawson were appointed to attend the next conference in that stake and effect the change. Conference appointments: Pocatello, Apostle Jno. H. Smith; North San Pete, Apostle Teasdale.

A letter from Elder [John E.] Magleby, former president of the New Zealand Mission, making a number of suggestions relating to said mission and the elders thereof, was read. It was decided that all elders honorably released from the New Zealand Mission should have the privilege of intermediate passage home at \$115, instead of steerage at \$100.

The question of dividing the Salt Lake Stake, which had been referred to the Presidency, was brought up by Pres. Smith and discussed. Pres. Jno. R. Winder and Apostles Clawson and Smoot felt that the time had come for the division, and were, therefore, in favor of it. Pres. Anthon H. Lund and Apostles Taylor and Jno. H. Smith were opposed to it. Apostle Teasdale preferred that the

Presidency would decide the matter. Apostles Merrill and Cowley did not express themselves. Pres. Smith said that he was not quite clear on the matter and suggested that it be laid on the table for the present with the understanding that the brethren could bring it up again at any time, which was done. Pres. Smith stated that the total amount of tithing paid in to date was a little in excess of the receipts for last year covering the same period.

### *Reports*

Apostle Jno. H. Smith and R[ulon] S. Wells were at the Tooele Conference last week. Attendance large on Sunday but small on Monday. The church population of the stake has increased 268 souls in the last 20 years. Apostle Smith dedicated the new meeting house in the Lincoln Ward. Monday they visited the big railroad cut near Stockton between Tooele and Rushton valleys. Apostle Teasdale attended an exhibition of the district schools at Nephi on Thursday and the Sabbath meeting at Nephi.

Apostle Taylor attended the funeral of Jno. Ford on Sunday and on Wednesday assisted in the reorganization of the bishopric of the West Bountiful Ward with Dan Muir as bishop. He also ordained Chas. R. Jones of East Bountiful, a patriarch.

Apostle Merrill said that he received a delegation last Sunday from the West Canal Company or rather the canal company who are building a canal on the west side of Cache Valley. The people who are prosecuting the enterprise are in deep distress for want of means. They wanted to know what to do. Apostle Merrill told them they could not expect help from the church but must rely upon their own resources.

Apostle Cowley attended a stake priesthood meeting at Rexburg last Sunday. The principal subject of discussion [was] the Fremont Stake Academy now in course of erection. They are meeting with some difficulty in getting in funds.

Apostle Smoot attended a meeting of the directors of the Mammoth Reservoir Co. at Nephi last Friday. The difficulties connected with this enterprise were discussed. On Sunday he attended meeting at Provo.

Pres. Lund attended Sunday School and meeting in the 17th Wd. last Sunday, and Pres. Winder attended the Wilford Ward Conference. The reports and labors of the brethren were approved. Benediction by Apostle Merrill.



**Saturday, 6 December 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. I spent the day in Brigham City. While there, attended monthly priesthood meeting of the Box Elder Stake, which convened at 11 a.m. Pres. Chas. Kelly presided. There were 217 bearing the priesthood present. The letter from the First Presidency regarding the saints who were living in wards without a standing in the church was read, and Bro. Kelly commented on it.

I made remarks on the candidacy of Apostle Reed Smoot to the United States Senate. Also spoke upon the evil of self-abuse among our boys and advised parents to enquire into the habits of their children.

**Thursday, 11 December 1902**

10:55 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, Anthon H. Lund, and Apostles Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Matthias F. Cowley, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, and Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk, [and Abraham O. Woodruff]. The brethren clothed and sang, "Glory to God on High." Apostle Jno. H. Smith opened, and Apostle Woodruff was mouth at the altar. Song, "God Moves in a Mysterious Way." Minutes of Dec. 4, 1902, were read and approved.

The clerk read a letter from the presidency of the Malad Stake, in which they extended a special invitation to the First Presidency to attend the Malad Stake Conference a week from next Sunday. Pres. Smith said that they would try and respond.

A very excellent report from Pres. E[phraim]. H. Nye, pres. [of the] Southern States Mission, was read. Said that there were 118 elders laboring in his mission and 1 lady. They had recently held a number of interesting conferences. Their present operations covered some 13 cities as well as country districts.

The brethren listened to the reading of a very interesting letter from Apostle Francis M. Lyman to Apostle Cowley. Conference appointments: St. George, Apostles Cowley and Clawson; Sevier, Geo. Teasdale and Reed Smoot; Morgan, Presidents Smith and Lund.

The brethren were invited to attend an old folks gathering at Centerville on Saturday. Bishop [George R.] Emery of the 16th Ward extended an invitation to the brethren to attend services

commemorative of the birth of the Prophet Joseph Smith, Tuesday evening, Dec. 23, 1902. Invitation accepted.

### *Reports*

Apostle Jno. H. Smith and Rulon S. Wells attended the Pocatello Stake Conference last Sunday and Monday. Monday's meetings poorly attended. The spirit of the conference was fine. Foundation of new Pocatello meeting house was in.

Apostle Teasdale said that he attended the North San Pete Stake Conference, which was well attended. The reports were encouraging. Apostle Cowley attended the temple fast meeting Sunday morning and the afternoon and evening meetings in the 17th Ward.

Apostle Woodruff gave a brief report of his recent visit to the S.W. States Mission (having sent in a written report of his labors in the Northern States Mission). Found matters in pretty good shape, and while absent had attended 100 meetings. These missions were in need of experienced elders. Recommended that a suitable man be selected and sent to succeed Pres. [James G.] Duffin, who has been a long time in the field.

Apostle Clawson attended three meetings on Sunday. The temple meeting in the morning, and afternoon and evening meetings in the 18th Ward. Apostle Smoot said that he attended meetings in Provo on Tuesday and on Monday attended the funeral of Stanley Partridge. Said that a wave of immorality seems to be passing over the Utah and adjoining stakes and he had advised active measures.

Pres. Lund said that he had attended meetings in the 17th Ward, and Pres. Winder attended temple fast meeting and also fast meeting in the Farmers Ward. A short letter addressed to Pres. Smith from Susa Y. Gates was read.

Apostle Jno. H. Smith proposed that Jos. F. Thomas of Manassa, Col., be appointed to succeed Pres. Duffin of the S.W. States Mission. Pres. Smith remarked that Brother Duffin had made an excellent president and he was in favor of keeping him there some years longer and furnishing support to his family. This view was heartily coincided in by the brethren, and Apostle Clawson moved that he be retained in the S.W. States Mission and that the necessary help be extended to his family and further that he be allowed to have his family with him, if he so desired.

Carried by unanimous vote.

Apostle Woodruff moved that Elder Jos. F. Thomas be called to fill a mission in the Northern States, as it was thought that Brother Thomas would be just the man to follow up and meet the Josephites, who were doing the church considerable injury by their false and malicious lies. Carried and Apostle Jno. F. Smith was instructed to write him relative to his circumstances financially.

Pres. Smith said that the Presidency had concluded to send Brother Saml. E. Woolley back to the [Sandwich] Islands to take charge for several years on account of his familiarity with affairs there and during his absence to support his family. The brethren concurred. Benediction by Pres. Anthon H. Lund.

#### **Saturday, 13 December 1902**

St. George. Raining and cool. 10 a.m. First session of [St. George Stake] Conference at the tabernacle, Pres. Ed. H. Snow presiding. Apostle Cowley. Topics treated. St. George and neighboring towns located and settled by counsel of Pres. Brigham Young. A good people reside here. Tithing.

4:30 p.m. Priesthood meeting. Pres. Snow presided. Apostle Cowley spoke on a number of practical subjects. I dwelt upon the principle of union, the evil of self-abuse among the young, and punctuality, and the importance of keeping our promises.

#### **Thursday, 18 December 1902**

Salt Lake City. Snowing and cold. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Apostles Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Marriner W. Merrill, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Jno. Smith, pat., and Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk. Song, "A Saint! and Is the Title Mine?" Pres. Jos. F. Smith opened, and Apostle Clawson was mouth at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "Weep, Weep Not for Me, Zion." Minutes of Dec. 11 were read and approved.

The clerk read a letter from Aunt Lucy Walker Smith addressed to Pres. Smith, the gist of which was some reflections upon the work for the dead suggested to her mind in the temple. The question with her was this: were not her great grandparents, who died without a knowledge of the gospel, entitled to receive their

second anointings. Pres. Smith added, and the further question is, how far back shall we go with this ordinance? The rule heretofore has been that none (whether living or dead) should be privileged to receive this blessing, unless they could be recommended from personal knowledge to be good and worthy.

Pres. Lund felt that the second anointings should be given as a reward of faithfulness. "If this rule were departed from," said he, "where could we stop?"

Pres. Smith said that the rule laid down by Pres. Young had been more or less departed from. At that time no two brethren could receive their 2nd anointings at the same meeting. In each case prayer and the signs were offered at the altar. Brother Geo. A. Smith remarked to the Prophet Joseph upon one occasion that, if the said ordinance were administered in that manner, the millennium would hardly be sufficient time to get through with it. He answered in the affirmative. Pres. Smith expressed the opinion that this work for the dead would be accomplished in the millennium.

Apostle Jno. H. Smith thought the present rule ought to be followed, except in case of revelation signifying a person's worthiness. Apostle Teasdale was of the same opinion. Apostle Merrill felt that presidents of stakes were not quite careful enough in recommending people for this sacred blessing. Endorsed the sentiments of the brethren who had spoken. Didn't think the Lord would reveal to Aunt Lucy, or any woman, those of the dead, or any of the dead, for second anointings. This right belonged to the president of the church.

Pres. Smith said that all such matters should be decided here and by us, and it should be understood that it is not the privilege of individuals to ask for this ordinance. In relation to giving 2nd anointings to the dead, he thought, any man who had received the gospel and priesthood in the flesh and was faithful, and also had someone sealed to him, would be entitled to it. There might, however, be exceptions to that. As to the remote dead, who died without the gospel, they may be endowed for and sealed and be safely left there—at least until we get further light.

Pres. Winder's views were similar to those of Pres. Smith. He said that presidents of stakes had been a little reckless in this matter and should be checked up.

Pres. Smith further remarked that those who present themselves at the temple for blessings who appear to be unworthy (as, for instance, under the influence of liquor or tobacco, &c.) should be put on probation. Presidents Winder and Merrill at the temples should act as a check upon the presidents of stakes in regard to this matter.

Conference appointments: Malad, Apostle Clawson; Hyrum, Apostle Merrill; Davis, Apostles A. O. Woodruff, Teasdale, and Jno. Smith, patriarch.

The clerk read a letter from Apostle Woodruff and Jas. G. Duffin, pres. [of the] S.W. States Mission. They had investigated, they said, the propriety of establishing a townsite for our people at Kelsy, Upshur County, Texas. The conditions were favorable and they recommended that it be done. The matter was laid on the table for one week, but, so far as putting money into it, was decided that the church could not do this.

The bishop of Byron Ward, Big Horn Stake, F. Kohler, wrote and invited the presidency to subscribe for \$3000 worth of stock in the co-op store at Byron just started. It would be a great help to them and success was certain with big profits. It was determined by unanimous vote that the church is not in a condition to subscribe.

### *Reports*

Presidents Smith and Winder and Elder Jno. H. Smith attended the Salt Lake Stake Conference. The attendance was fair all day and a good spirit prevailed. Pres. Smith in his remarks said that the names, "Prophet, Seer, and Revelator," and "Apostle" were too sacred to be used as it is commonly done. The brethren should address each other as "Elder."

Apostles Teasdale and Smoot attended the Sevier Stake Conference. The subjects treated were appropriate to the prevailing conditions. Apostle Woodruff attended a ward reunion at Centerville last Saturday and in company with Pres. Lund attended the Morgan Stake Conference Sunday and Monday.

Apostle Clawson reported the attendance of Apostle Cowley and himself at the St. George Conference. Said that the people all through the southern part of the state had been visited by splendid storms, which gives promise of an abundant harvest next year. During the conference St. George was divided into two wards, with

Isaac Macfarlane as bishop of East St. George Ward and with Jas. McArthur as bishop of West St. George Ward. Also ordained Heber E. Harrison, bishop of Pinto Ward. George Jarvis was ordained a patriarch, Brother Clawson being mouth, and James Andrus, late bishop of St. George, was ordained a high councillor, Brother Clawson also being mouth.

Patriarch [John Smith] visited a sick grandchild at Provo. Pres. Lund said that two brethren were ordained high councillors in the Morgan Stake. The reports and labors of the brethren were approved and the meeting adjourned until next Wednesday. Benediction by Apostle Teasdale.

### **Sunday, 21 December 1902**

Sumaria, Idaho. Clear and cold. 2 p.m. Continuation of [Malad Stake] Conference, Pres. [Milton H.] Welling presiding.

Bp. Daniel E. Price gave a brief report of the new meeting house in which we were assembled. Cost \$4000—\$3000 paid up and \$1000 remaining unpaid, which has been assumed by the building committee. Dimensions of the house [are] 40 by 72 ft. and constructed of frame. Work done substantial and the painting neat and attractive to the eye.

Pres. Milton H. Welling gave a brief report. Topics treated. Presidency of the stake hold weekly meetings and are united. The presiding authorities of the various organizations quite active and faithful.

Rudger Clawson. Topics treated. The birth of Jos. Smith, the prophet. The new meeting house. Amusements.

Rulon S. Wells. Topics treated. Life and character of Jos. Smith. The building up of Zion in the mountains.

### **Wednesday, 24 December 1902**

Salt Lake City. Mild; thawing. 10:30 a.m. Meeting at the President's office. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Matthias F. Cowley, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, Pat. Jno. Smith, and Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk. Elder Hyrum M. Smith opened. Minutes of Dec. 18, 1902, were read and approved. Appointments: Elder Clawson was appointed to assist in dividing the 10th Ward, Salt Lake Stake, next Sunday evening.

There was some further discussion on the propriety of using the word "Apostle" too frequently and a motion prevailed that we discourage its too common use, that the Twelve be referred to in print as "Elders," and that we address each other as "Brother." It was also decided that the epistle under preparation by the First Presidency be issued at the earliest possible moment in the new year.

### *Reports*

Pres. Winder attended Sunday School in Farmers Ward on Sunday and the tabernacle meeting in the afternoon. Elder Jno. H. Smith attended Sunday School and evening meeting in the 17th Ward.

Elder Clawson reported the Malad Stake Conference and said that it was the best conference he had ever attended in that stake. He noted a general improvement since the reorganization of the stake. The conference was held at Sumaria, at which place a new meeting house was dedicated by him. It was 40 x 72 ft. in dimensions and had cost \$4000. It was a frame building, neat in appearance, and well and substantially constructed. During the conference he ordained two patriarchs and two bishops and assisted in setting apart their counselors. One was Elder [Heber A.] Holbrook, bishop of Holbrook, and the other was Geo. M. Ward, bishop of Washakie.

Elder Smoot went to Mammoth to consult with the brethren in regard to the Mammoth Canal leading into San Pete. There are many difficulties in the way, but he advised the people to make every effort to accomplish the work. Attended meeting at Provo Sunday afternoon.

Elders Geo. Teasdale, A. O. Woodruff, and Jno. Smith attended the Davis Stake Conference. The meetings were well attended and a good spirit prevailed. Found Pres. [John W.] Hess in pretty good health.

Elder Cowley reported his attendance at the St. George conference with Brother Clawson a week ago Sunday. On Monday attended the funeral of Brother DeFrieze, who was the 15th victim [of] the DelaMar Mine dust. From St. George he proceeded to Parowan for the purpose of attending conference and held meetings by the way as follows: Santa Clara, Washington, Toquerville, Kanarra, Cedar, and Summit. Said that his attention had been

called to two or three cases of fornication and that the brethren there were somewhat divided as to what action should be taken. Some took the view that they should be cut off the church without consideration, others that they might be forgiven upon showing forth a spirit of repentance and retained in the church. Pres. Smith here remarked that every case must stand upon its own merits. The apostles have authority to give counsel and act in all such cases and in other matters that come before them in the stakes. Should any case arise where one or more of the apostles are a little in doubt, let it be brought to the council and decided.

Elder Hyrum M. Smith reported his recent visit south. Said that a fine conference was held in Juarez, Mexico, Elder J. G. Kimball being in attendance. Three meetings were held in Diaz and three in Dublan. Conference was also held in the Maricopa Stake, where Elder Isaac Dana was set apart as 2nd counselor to Pres. [Collins R.] Hakes and Elder [William J.] LeBaron as 1st counselor. Pres. Hakes, he said, is not a strong president. They returned home by way of California and held meetings in Los Angeles and San Francisco. Concluded by saying that they had a good time all along and found the people feeling pretty well spiritually, but not doing so well financially.

Elder H. M. Smith said further that there was a brother in the St. Joseph Stake, a patriarch, who had been living with a woman out of wedlock. He was cut off the church but had since been restored, and now desired to receive again the patriarchal priesthood. He declined, he said, to ordain him. Brother Hyrum referred to the fact that the First Council of Seventies in calling men to be presidents of seventies ordained them to said office, whereas he took the view that the proper action would be to set them apart. This was the view taken by the brethren present. The clerk said that the council decided some years ago that presidents of seventies should be ordained. The matter was, therefore, laid on the table until such time as the clerk could look up the decision referred to.

Elder Smoot said that there was a diversity of opinion in Utah Stake as to who would sit in judgment if the President of the church were placed on trial. Some claimed that it would be the right of the Presiding Bishopric to try him. Elder Smoot said he did not coincide with this view. The matter might be considered inappropriate for discussion, but he thought the council ought to be



agreed as touching this question. Elder Smoot said that the revelation which directed that in case the President of the High Priesthood should [be] put upon trial, the Presiding Bishop associated with twelve high priests should constitute the trial court, was given before the church was fully organized and before the Twelve had been chosen.

Pres. Smith suggested that the matter be taken under advisement for one week, which was done. Pres. Smith reported that he attended Sunday School in the 16th Ward, tabernacle meeting at 2 p.m., and evening meeting in the 16th Ward. Benediction by Jno. Smith, pat.

Note: The above minutes state that Pres. Lund was at the meeting. This is an error, as Pres. Lund had gone to San Pete for Christmas. The meeting was held at the President's office for the reason that the Apostles' Room at the temple is being renovated.

#### **Sunday, 28 December 1902**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cold. 2 p.m. Meeting at the tabernacle, C. W. [Penrose] presiding. Elder Hyrum M. Smith was the first speaker. Topics treated. Preaching the gospel of repentance to the world in our day. The ten commandments. R. Clawson. Topics treated. The character and power of the Almighty. The restoration of the gospel.

6:30 p.m. Meeting in the 10th Ward meeting house called for the purpose of dividing the 10th Ward, Bp. Adam Spiers presiding. Sacrament. While the sacrament was being administered, brief remarks were made by Stake Counselors Jos. E. Taylor and Chas. W. Penrose.

Pres. Angus M. Cannon arose and stated the division lines of the new ward, which would be called the 33rd Ward of the Salt Lake Stake. As Bishop Spiers was in need of a counselor, Elder Jos. Keddington, 2nd counselor, was sustained as 1st counselor and Jos. Christensen was sustained as 2nd counselor. Brother Jos. Christensen was not set apart for the reason that he is a president of the seventies and the First Council of Seventies had not been consulted. I made remarks upon the duty and calling of a bishop.

#### **Wednesday, 31 December 1902**

dent's office. Present: the First Presidency and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Rudger Clawson, Abraham O. Woodruff, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, and Pat. Jno. Smith. Prayer by Pres. Jno. R. Winder. Minutes of Dec. 24 were read and approved.

### *Reports*

Pres. A. H. Lund said that he attended the 17th Ward Sunday School and tabernacle meeting in the afternoon [on] Dec. 21, and spoke at the Scandinavian meeting last Sunday and at the 33rd Ward in the evening. Pres. Winder attended the funeral of Jno. Allen last Sunday. Elder Teasdale said that in the forenoon of last Sunday attended prayer circle and Sunday School at Nephi and annual ward conference of the 1st Ward same place in afternoon. Elder Woodruff said that Elder Cowley and himself attended the funeral of Elder Geo. W. Thatcher on Sunday at noon.

Elder Clawson reported the division of the 10th Ward which was effected Sunday evening with Robert Brighton as bishop [of the 33rd Ward] and Henry C. Baddley and Wm. Harvey as counselors. He was mouth in the ordination of the bishop. Jos. Ked-dington and Jos. Christensen were sustained as counselors to Bp. Adam Spiers of the 10th Ward.

Elder Smoot attended meetings at Provo. The Patriarch [John Smith] said he was present at Isaac Seeley's funeral on Saturday. Elder Jno. H. Smith attended the funeral of Shadrach Holdaway of Provo on Saturday and was present at the tabernacle Sunday p.m.

Pres. Smith attended the 20th Ward Sunday School, of which he gave a good report. In the afternoon, Sunday, he visited the sons and daughters of Heber C. Kimball. Held a little meeting and dedicated the home of Jos. Kimball. The report and labors of the brethren were approved.

The question of ordaining presidents of seventies was further discussed and laid on the table for one week. Patriarch Jno. Smith said that he was in need of a clerk to assist him in taking down blessings and recording same in a record kept for the purpose. \$30.00 per month was appropriated for said purpose.

The meeting adjourned for one week to meet at the usual time and place. Benediction by Elder Teasdale.



*VII. Diary Sixteen*  
*4 January - 31 December*

1903

*Balancing the Ledger*  
*"Twelve Percent Allowed for Handling the Tithes"*

**Sunday, 4 January 1903**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. At 10 a.m. accompanied by Lydia I attended a very interesting fast meeting at the temple, Pres. Smith presiding.

At 3 p.m. attended a lecture in the Salt Lake Theater given by General Wm. P. Booth, the founder of the Salvation Army movement. The title of the lecture was "Some Lessons of My Life," and proved to be quite interesting. He has certainly accomplished a great work of reform among the criminal classes and poor people of the world.

7 p.m. Dedicatory service of the remodeled 18th Ward chapel, Bp. Orson F. Whitney presiding. Of the general authorities present, there were Presidents Jos. F. Smith and Anthon H. Lund, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, myself, and Jno. Smith, patriarch, and Angus M. Cannon, president of the stake.

Bp. Whitney made brief remarks, giving a short history of the 18th Ward to date, also a general statement of the remodeling of the chapel. The dedicatory prayer was offered by Pres. Jos. F. Smith and was impressive and eloquent.

Pres. Lund made brief remarks and said that he was greatly pleased with the reports that had been made. Counseled the saints

to make good use of the new meeting house by coming to their meetings. Elder Jno. H. Smith also expressed pleasure and approval of the reports, which had been given in such detail and thoroughness.

Pres. Smith occupied the balance of the time. Said that other wards in the church would do well to follow the example of the 18th Ward in reporting public improvements involving the expenditure of the people's means. Spoke of the rights of the children in our meeting houses. They are entitled to attention and at least to the extent of being provided with good seats. Also dwelt upon the principle of obedience and forgiveness, as set forth in the life of the Savior.

#### Thursday, 8 January 1903

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 10 a.m. Continuation of the conference of the Twelve, Elder Jno. H. Smith presiding. Present: Elders Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Marriner W. Merrill, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, and Patriarch Jno. Smith.

Elder Clawson accounted for his absence yesterday by saying that he was in attendance at the funeral of Elder Jas. Larson, instructor at the L.D.S. University, who had recently died with the smallpox. The memorial service was held in the Barratt Hall. The minutes of Dec. [January] 7 (there being but one session) were read and approved.

Elder Clawson was the first speaker. Topics treated. Said that he was often profoundly impressed with the depth and originality of the gospel. It was always pleasing and instructive to listen to the elders speak, when moved upon by the Holy Ghost. In attending so many conference, priesthood, and other meetings had occasionally experienced a fear that there would be a sameness about them that would make them dull and uninteresting, but found this fear seldom realized as there is an infinite variety in the gospel. Dwelt upon the importance of self-control. In a dispute or contention the one who is calm, dignified, and self-contained has a decided advantage over the spirit of anger. Said that he desired to be one with his associates and ever held himself in readiness to respond to the call of duty.

Moon and Stars." Pres. Lund opened, and Reed Smoot was mouth at the altar. The minutes of Dec. 31, 1902, were read and approved. Conference appointments: Emery, M. F. Cowley; Beaver, Elder Teasdale; Utah, the Presidency and Elder Clawson.

The clerk read a letter from the presidency of the Utah Stake, in which they stated that Bp. Geo. H. Maycock of Springville 1st Ward and Bp. Peter Wentz of the Timpanogos Ward had for good, sufficient, and acceptable reasons sent in their resignations, which they recommended for favorable action, and also recommended Arthur J. Southwick as first choice, and O[liver] B. Huntington, Jr., second choice for bishop of Springville 1st Ward, and Ray Wentz for bishop of Timpanogos Ward. Upon motion of Reed Smoot the recommendations were adopted, Brother Huntington being chosen instead of Brother Southwick, who was about to move from the ward.

### *Reports*

Elder Teasdale attended S. School, fast meeting, and circle meeting at Nephi. Elder Merrill attended Hyrum Stake Conference, Dec. 23 and 24. Good conference. The new meeting houses in the Hyrum Ward are progressing nicely. Dedicated the new residence of Pres. Wm. C. Parkinson. The tithing of the stake exceeds that of last year. On Sunday, the 4th, attended meetings at home.

M. F. Cowley attended a priesthood meeting in Preston on Saturday and fast meeting in the 17th Ward on Sunday. In the evening spoke at a conjoint meeting in the 1st Ward. Elder Woodruff attended the dedicatory service of Judge Jno. E. Boothe's new home at Provo on 2d and on Saturday, Jan. 3, attended monthly priesthood meeting at Am. Fork.

Elder Clawson reported the dedication of the 18th Ward remodeled chapel. Said that Presidents Smith and Lund, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Jno. Smith, pat., and Pres. A. M. Cannon were present. Pres. Smith offered the dedicatory prayer. Singing exercises very fine. The improvement had cost between nine and ten thousand dollars, which was all paid and over two hundred dollars in the treasury. Brother Clawson also attended the temple fast meeting in the morning and Gen. Booth's lecture on the founding of the Salvation Army at the theater in the afternoon.

Elder Reed Smoot lectured Sunday night in the Provo 6th

Ward. Subject, "There Is No Excellence Without Labor." Presidents Smith, Winder, [and] Lund, and Jno. Smith were all at the temple fast meeting, as was also Jno. H. Smith and Abraham O. Woodruff.

The reports and labors of the brethren were approved. Benediction by Elder Jno. H. Smith.

**Saturday, 10 January 1903**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and snowing. 7:55 a.m. Left by train for Provo to attend the Utah Stake Conference.

I took dinner at Brother Smoot's [in Provo]; he is in Salt Lake and will be down on the 6 p.m. train. This is his birthday and he is 41 years of age. The legislature is about to convene, and it is expected that Elder Reed Smoot will be elected United States Senator. A strong effort is being made to defeat him, President [Theodore] Roosevelt having sent word to the Utah legislature through Senator [Thomas] Kearns that he hoped an apostle would not be sent to Congress. If this be true, and the papers so report the matter, it is an unwarrantable interference on the part of the president and deserves to be treated with cold indifference (as doubtless it will be).

2 p.m. Continuation of conference, Pres. David John presiding. The first speaker was David John, stake president. Topics. Stake affairs in pretty good shape. Tithing in 1902 fully up to that of 1901. Purity and cleanliness. Church magazines.

R. Clawson. Topics treated. The redemption of Zion. Obedience.

**Thursday, 15 January 1903**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cold. 10:30 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Anthon H. Lund, and Jno. R. Winder, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, and Jno. Smith, pat., and the clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "Though Deepening Trials." Prayer by Pat. Jno. Smith, with Elder Teasdale mouth at the altar. Song, "O My Father." The minutes of Jan. 8 were read and approved.

The clerk read a letter from the presidency of the Bingham Stake, in which they recommended the following brethren for

bishops: Frank Hesse, bishop of Blackfoot; Jno. R. Williams, bishop of Thomas Ward; Adam Yancey, bishop of Groveland. The recommendations were approved by unanimous vote.

A letter was read from the bishopric of the Sumaria Ward, Malad Stake, in which they solicited aid to help liquidate the indebtedness on their meeting house amounting to \$1500. Upon motion of Pres. Winder \$500 was appropriated to assist them.

Conference appointments: Weber, Elder Woodruff; young men's conference at Moroni, R. Clawson; Mutual Improvement question at B. Y. Academy, Provo, Reed Smoot.

### *Reports*

Elder Jno. H. Smith reported the Sunday sessions of the Utah Stake Conference. Presidents Smith and Lund, and Elders Clawson and Smoot were also present. Large attendance and good spirit. Splendid conjoint meeting in the evening. Saturday evening the brethren took dinner with Elder Smoot upon the occasion of his forty-first birthday. On the 14th Brother Jno. Henry attended the funeral of Myron Tanner of Provo. He left seven sons and three daughters. Was a good man.

Elder Teasdale reported the Beaver Stake Conference. The various organizations were heard from. The subject of dividing the Beaver Ward was considered, and the saints voted the division be not made. Bishop Geo. Mumford and counselors were honorably released, and Jno. M. Murdock, Samuel O. White, Jr., and Lewis E. Farnsworth were called to succeed them, being ordained by Brother Teasdale, who also ordained Bp. Mumford a patriarch in the church. On Monday forenoon he held meeting at Greenville and Monday afternoon at Minersville. He also reported that Jno. H. Yardley and Geo. C. Murdock were set apart as high councillors.

Elder Woodruff attended two meetings in the Farmers Ward on Sunday. A splendid missionary work is being done among the outsiders in the Farmers Ward. On Wednesday spoke to the missionary class at the L.D.S. University.

Elder Clawson reported the Saturday meetings of the Utah Stake Conference. Said that [al]most all the auxiliary organizations were heard from, also the presidency of the stake, one bishop, and a patriarch. Spoke at Springville Sunday evening.

Elder Smoot reported the political situation. A caucus of the Republican members of the legislature was held last night and he



was nominated as senator by a vote of 38 against 5 for [George] Sutherland and 2 for Governor [Heber M.] Wells.

Elder Hyrum M. Smith said that he attended Sunday School at Farmers Ward on Sunday and a conjoint meeting at the Sugar House Ward in the evening. There were only 9 young men in the ward not enrolled in the Y.M.M.I.A.

Elder Jno. Smith attended meeting at the tabernacle. Pres. Winder attended a ward conference at Sugar House. Fine meetings and good order.

Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Hyrum M. Smith.

The Apostles' Room in the temple has been thoroughly renovated: the walls painted, the ceiling calcimined, the woodwork repainted, and the carpet cleaned. The portraits of the Presidency and Twelve by [George H.] Taggart have been substituted for the pictures previously seen in the said room. The improvement is very marked and the room is certainly most delightful and attractive.

#### **Monday-Wednesday, 19-21 January 1903**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and mild, thawing. During these three day[s] I was very busily engaged in closing the books of the trustee-in-trust at the President's office, or at least in directing how they should be closed, and completed the work Wednesday night. I will now proceed to get out a statement of the assets and liabilities of the church. On Wednesday at noon Elder Reed Smoot was elected U. S. Senator by the Utah legislature, which is now in session.

#### **Thursday, 22 January 1903**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy, thawing. 10:40 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Anthon H. Lund, and Jno. R. Winder, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Marriner W. Merrill, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, Jno. Smith, patriarch, and the clerk.

There was an informal talk about the election of Reed Smoot as United States senator from Utah. The very pleasing information was conveyed to the brethren that the campaign of Brother Smoot was conducted absolutely without bribery or liquor. There was only one attempt at bribery, and that was in the case of one of the legislators who sent word to Elder Smoot that, if he would use his

influence to have said party appointed chairman of the committees on railroads, he would in return vote for him. Brother Smoot immediately turned him down by sending word that, so far as his influence had any weight, he would oppose his appointment to said committee in any capacity and further that he did not want his vote.

The brethren clothed and sang, "Up, Awake, Ye Defenders of Zion." Elder Cowley opened, and Elder Merrill was mouth at the altar. Song, "Come, All Ye Sons of Zion." Minutes of Jan. 15 were read and approved.

Letter from Elder Cowley, dated Jan. 17 at Castle Dale, reporting the Emery Stake Conference of two weeks ago, was read by the clerk. The conference was well attended and instructive. The stake academy was dedicated, Elder Jos. M. Tanner offering the prayer.

Conference appointments: Juab, President Smith and Elder Teasdale; Alpine, Elder Cowley; Fremont, Elder Clawson; Cache, Elders Woodruff and Hyrum M. Smith.

### *Reports*

Elder Teasdale attended the Forest Dale Sunday School last Sunday and meeting in the Sugar House Ward in the afternoon and Forest Dale meeting in the evening. Elder Merrill attended meeting at Coveville, Cache Stake, last Sunday. The people there have built a fine new school house.

Elder Cowley said he attended the San Luis Stake Conference last Sunday. All the wards reported and most of the auxiliary associations. Conditions were favorable.

Elder Woodruff reported the Weber Stake Conference last Sunday and Monday. Pres. Lund and Elder Hyrum M. Smith were also in attendance. A splendid spirit prevailed and the attendance at the meetings was crowded. Attended the funeral of Elder Chas. Welsh, high councillor, on Monday.

Elder Clawson was in attendance at the tabernacle meeting on Sunday afternoon and in the evening attended a religion class conference in the 20th Ward. The religion class movement was thoroughly explained by Bro. Clawson, and Elder Horace Cummings conducted a class of about 20 children, who had previously had no experience in this line, through the six steps as set forth in the outlines. The meeting was instructive and will doubtless lead

to the organization of religion classes in that ward.

Elder Smoot attended meetings in Provo on Sunday at the B. Y. Academy and the tabernacle. Pat. Jno. Smith attended the tabernacle meeting, and Pres. Winder visited the Mill Creek Ward in the afternoon and the Forest Dale Ward in the evening.

The reports and labors of the brethren were approved. Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Elder Clawson.

#### **Friday, 23 January 1903**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and thawing. Now that the books of the trustee-in-trust are closed, I was busily engaged all day in getting out my report from them for next Thursday—namely, a statement of assets and liabilities for the year 1902.

#### **Thursday, 29 January 1903**

Salt Lake City. Clear, with nice covering of snow on the ground and heavy snows in the mountains. 10:30 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: President Lund, and Elders Geo. Teasdale, Matthias F. Cowley, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, Jno. Smith, pat., and Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk. Minutes of Jan. 22, 1903, were read and approved.

#### ***Reports***

Elder Teasdale attended the Juab Stake Conference, Sat. and Sunday. Elder Cowley and Pres. Smith were also in attendance. Held regular conference meetings, priesthood meeting Sat. evening, and Sabbath School session Sunday a.m. Excellent spirit prevailed.

Elder Cowley also attended the Alpine Stake Conference on Sunday, when most of the presiding authorities were heard from. Bp. Jos. E. Thorne of Pleasant Grove Ward was honorably released and set apart as a high councillor. Swen L. Swenson was appointed to succeed him. Bp. Chas. G. Patterson of Am. Fork 1st Ward was honorably released and Jas. T. Gardner was called to take his place and ordained to that position by Brother Cowley. At this point Presidents Smith and Winder came into the meeting.

Elder Clawson reported the Fremont Stake Conference. Elder Jas. Sharp accompanied him. Had a splendid time. At the priesthood meeting the stake academy now in course of erection was talked up; of about \$25,000 already expended, \$3448 remains

unpaid, which Brother Clawson thought a very good showing. Most of the stake authorities were heard from. Pres. [Thomas E.] Bassett is down with smallpox, but the attack is light. He [Elder Clawson] held meeting in Idaho Falls on his return home.

Elder Smoot attended the reorganization of the bishopric of the Springville 1st Ward. Bp. Geo. H. Maycock was honorably released and O[liver] B. Huntington, Jr., was appointed in his stead. Elder Smoot was mouth in ordination.

Elder Hyrum Smith said he attended the Cache Stake Conference last week and was accompanied by Elders Merrill and Woodruff. Stake affairs in pretty good shape. \$2000 of the \$2300 indebtedness on the B. Y. College had been paid up.

Patriarch Jno. Smith attended meeting at the tabernacle on Sunday p.m. and the funeral of Chas. W. Smith on Monday. Presidents Winder and Lund both remained at home, being a little under the weather. Reports and labors of the brethren approved.

Brother Clawson of the auditing committee now presented the auditing committee's report for the year 1902, which was an exhaustive statement of the financial condition of the church. A recapitulation of the general totals is given below, to wit:

## JANUARY 1, 1903

ASSETS OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF L.D.S.

Real estate	1,217,003.93
Bank, R.R., and mercantile stocks and bonds	1,092,771.67
Cash on hand	285,990.24
Zion's Savings Bank—certificate of deposit	100,000.00
Sinking fund, acct. church bonds	258,030.32
Bills rec., notes on hand	44,901.96
Sundry assets as per report	35,705.03
Total assets	3,034,403.15

LIABILITIES

Bills payable, notes outstanding	38,778.00
Church bonds	991,800.00
Jackson County Temple offerings	1,584.50
F. M. Lyman, amt. due him	431.44

Jno. R. Winder, amt. due him	150.00
Surplus, Jan. 1, 1902,	1,399,020.59
Loss and gain acct. net	
surplus for year 1902	602,638.62    2,001,659.21
Total	3,034,403.15

The report was dated Jan. 28, 1903, and signed by Rudger Clawson and Reed Smoot, auditing committee.

#### DETAIL OF THE LOSS AND GAIN ACCOUNT

##### CREDITS

##### REVENUE OR GAINS

Tithing for the year 1902	1,188,010.49
Capital stocks—sales and dividends	176,345.14
Bonds—interest	30,037.50
Sundry items	45,449.33
	\$1,439,842.46

##### DEBITS

##### EXPENSES OR LOSSES

Appropriation to general authorities	100,466.60
Appropriation to church schools	119,106.37
Appropriation to temples	42,958.65
Stake and ward meeting houses	51,370.76
Improvements and repairs	19,151.17
Appropriations to the poor, charity acct.	40,660.49
Mission maintenance	45,426.16
Fares of returning missionaries	16,279.45
Brigham Young memorial hall	12,880.61
<i>Deseret News</i> building—depreciation	
in value	159,000.74
Salt Lake and Los. A. Ry. bonds—depreciation	
in value	25,000.00
Saltair Beach bonds—depreciation in value	25,000.00
Interest on ch. bonds and notes	60,939.18
Taxes for 1902	21,755.90
Sundry items	97,207.76
Total expenses and losses	837,203.84
Net gain for the year 1902	602,638.62
	\$1,439,842.46

COMPARISONS AND DEDUCTIONS

Tithes received at the President's office during the year 1898:

Cash	326,441.27	
Produce	467,891.01	794,332.28
For the year 1899:		
Cash	668,979.30	
Produce	469,383.34	1,138,362.64
For the year 1900:		
Cash	695,682.79	
Produce	487,324.22	1,183,007.01
For the year [1901]:		
Cash	939,001.32	
Produce	460,678.26	1,399,679.58
For the year 1902:		
Cash	902,481.86	
Produce	285,528.63	1,188,010.49
Total		\$5,703,392.00

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CHURCH, OCT. 1, 1898

Bills payable, notes outstanding	1,819,724.08
Interest guaranteed on Pioneer [Electric]	190,000.00
Due acct. Sterling Mine	118,288.12
Due H. B. Claflin and Co.	40,000.00
	\$2,168,012.20

INDEBTEDNESS GUARANTEED BYTHE CHURCH, OCT. 1, 1898

Note of H. J. Grant, et al.	65,000.00
1500 (\$1000) Pioneer Electric	
Power Co. bonds	1,500,000.00
	\$1,565,000.00

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CHURCH, JAN. 1, 1903

Church bonds	991,800.00	
Less amount in		
sinking fund	258,030.32	733,769.68
Bills payable—notes		
outstanding		38,778.00

Jackson County Temple offerings	1,584.50
Due sundry persons	581.44
	774,713.62

## Brought down:

Indebtedness, Oct. 1, 1898	2,168,012.20
Indebtedness, Jan. 1, 1903	774,713.62

Total net indebtedness paid in 5 years (or \$278,659.71 per year)	\$1,393,298.58
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The contingent indebtedness of \$1,565,000 was also wiped out.

Figuring on the basis shown above, it will require two years and three quarters only to cancel the present church indebtedness.

ANNUAL INTEREST PAID ON CHURCH INDEBTEDNESS

January 1, 1899	138,180.89
Annual interest paid on church indebtedness Jan. 1, 1903	53,308.83
Total annual interest now saved to the church	\$84,872.06
Tithes on hand in stakes of Zion, Jan. 1, 1902 (the statement for 1903 not yet compiled)	\$400,147.49

SILENT ASSETS

Real estate, coal lands &c.	180,914.78
Tithing buildings in stakes as appraised in 1902—appraisement for 1903 not yet completed	300,931.29
	481,846.07
B. Y. Academy, Provo, loan	109,262.41
Josepa Agricultural Co.	50,000.00
Total	641,108.48

COST OF DESERET NEWS BUILDING

Cost to Jan. 1, 1902	324,329.28
Cost for the [year] 1902	184,671.46
Total cost to date	\$509,000.74

COST OF DESERET NEWS ANNEX

Cost to Jan. 1, 1902	5,944.06
Cost for the year 1903	83,121.70
Total cost to date	89,065.76
Total cost of both buildings to date	\$598,065.50

STATUS OF THE CHURCH

Excess of assets over liabilities, Feb. 18, 1899, or surplus (not including the tithes on hand in the stakes of Zion)	82,628.40
Excess of assets over liabilities, Jan. 1, 1903 (not including tithes on hand in stakes of Zion)	2,001,659.21
Net increase of assets over liabilities or surplus between the dates indicated	\$1,919,030.81

Upon motion of Elder Reed Smoot, the report was approved by unanimous [vote], and order[ed to be] placed on file.

Elder Smoot arose and said that he felt that there were some contradictions in reference to the compensation allowed to the clerks in the President's office, as for instance, Brother Jas. Jack is receiving \$225 per month, and Brother David McKenzie, assistant bookkeeper, is receiving \$200 per month, while Bro. Clawson, who has been engaged in closing and reopening the books and directing how the work show [should] be done, as well as furnishing complete reports of the financial condition of the church, is receiving only \$150 per month. He did not think this was right and felt that it should be rectified. Felt that Brother Clawson should receive at least \$200 per month. Elder Teasdale expressed himself similarly to Elder Smoot and moved that the matter be referred to the First Presidency for their action. Carried by unanimous vote. Benediction by Elder Smoot.

Salt Lake City  
Jan. 29, 1903

Elder Francis M. Lyman,  
Liverpool, England.

My dearly beloved brother:

I was about to include in the foregoing minutes a



copy of the financial statement referred to, but upon second thought, decided that it would be an unwise thing to do. If a report of that kind should by any chance fall into the hands of a stranger while in transit, a complete and thorough knowledge of the affairs of the church would be known and this, of course, is undesirable. I regret you were not here to learn the splendid condition of our church finances. Our present indebtedness is less than three quarters of a million dollars as against two millions five years ago. Should the question be asked, when will the church be free from debt? I answer, if the indebtedness is reduced at the same average rate per annum as during the past five years, the indebtedness will be liquidated in two and three-quarter years, or in the latter part of 1905. The Lord willing, it may be sooner, but I think we may safely count on the estimate given. Now, my dear brother, is not this good news, and do you not rejoice with me?

An important move to be undertaken in the near future, which will distinguish the administration of Pres. Jos. F. Smith, is the erection of a memorial building in honor of the Prophet Joseph Smith.

Brother Brigham does not improve as we would like to see him. If he recovers from this sickness, it will be due to the special interposition of the Lord.

We are having extremely cold weather.

As ever, yours most affectionately,  
[signed] Rudger Clawson.

**Tuesday, 3 February 1903**

[Salt Lake City.] Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. attended a meeting of the stockholders of the Salt Lake Knitting Factory. The yearly reports were submitted and approved, the showing being very favorable. A dividend of 10% was declared and 10% was carried to reserve fund. Jos. F. Smith was elected president, R. Clawson, vice president, and Thos. Hull, Jos. Nelson, and Alvin Smith, directors for the ensuing two years, with Chas. Thorstensen, sec. and manager, and Richard Smith, treasurer.

**Thursday, 5 February 1903**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cold, zero weather at day light. 10:25 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Apostles Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Marriner W. Merrill, Matthias F. Cowley, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, and Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "Do What Is Right." Prayer by Elder Clawson, with President Smith at the altar. Song, "Be It My Only Wisdom Here." Minutes of Jan. 27 were read and approved.

The clerk read a letter from Elder Jno. W. Taylor written from Ciudad Juarez, in which he informed the council that he was about to visit the city of Mexico with Pres. A. W. Ivins to attend conference there. A letter was read from Bp. Jas. England of Union Ward, Union Stake. He asked the privilege to appropriate the tithing in his ward of 1902 for meeting house now in course of erection. It was decided not to use the tithing in that way, but rather upon application to make an appropriation from the funds of the church. The clerk was instructed to write Bp. England to that effect.

Stake conference appointments: Wasatch, Reed Smoot and R. Clawson; South San Pete, Pres. Lund and Elders Teasdale and Cowley; Bingham, Elder Jno. H. and Hyrum M. Smith; young people's conference at Richfield, Elder Woodruff.

***Reports***

Elder Jno. H. Smith said that a week ago Sunday he spent with his dying boy, and during the week attended an irrigation meeting at Provo. Last Sunday attended the Oneida Stake Conference. Pat. Jno. Smith and Elder Merrill were present. The weather was cold. Meetings fine. Pres. [George C.] Parkinson has matters well in hand. Tithing for 1902, \$31,000.

Elder Teasdale said that he attended priesthood meeting at Nephi on Saturday morning and a high priests meeting in the afternoon. On Sunday was present at Sabbath School and fast meeting in afternoon.

Elder Cowley reported the Woodruff Stake Conference at Evanston. Meetings were good but poorly attended except on Sunday. The stake presidency of the Y.M.M.I.A. was reorganized with Chas. Kingston as president. The tithing in 1902 fallen off \$481. The stake a little behind the times in the spirit of things.

Brother Clawson said that he and Brother Geo. F. Gibbs attended meeting at the Hooper Ward, Weber Stake. Attendance large and a good spirit prevailed. The people there have a good substantial meeting house and seem to be thrifty.

Elder Smoot attended the Jordan Stake Conference at Draper and was well pleased with the work being accomplished by Hyrum Goff, president of the stake. A good feeling prevails in the stake.

Elder Hyrum M. Smith reported the Summit Stake Conference, which was attended also by Presidents Smith and Lund. The attendance was poor, owing, he thought, to the quarantine maintained in four of the wards for smallpox. The remarks at the conference of the Presidency were practical. Stake Pres. Moses Taylor reported that all the past indebtedness on the stake meeting house had been liquidated.

Pres. Winder attended the fast meeting held at the temple on Sunday and the fast meeting in the Farmers Ward in the afternoon. Upon motion the reports and labors of the brethren were approved.

Elder Jno. H. Smith said that Brother Brigham Young, whom he had recently visited, besides being extremely sick, was distressed and worried about his financial condition. Besides the usual expenses of his family, he was extending assistance to a sick son in Mesa, Arizona. After some discussion it became the sense of the council that Brother Brigham be not allowed to suffer from financial embarrassment, and that, therefore, his wants be relieved.

Meeting adjourned. Benediction [by] Elder M. F. Cowley.

### Sunday, 8 February 1903

Salt Lake City. Clear and cold. I visited Willard City, Box Elder Stake, today for the purpose of reorganizing the bishopric there. This action became necessary on account of the ill health of Bp. Geo. Facer, who in the past has been a very energetic and competent bishop, but he is at present very feeble and not able to attend the duties of his office. The brother chosen to succeed him was Elder Wm. J. Facer, his son, just returned from a mission to Gt. Britain. The meeting was largely attended and the change effected and the new bishopric ordained and set apart under the hands of myself, the presidency of the stake, and others.

**Thursday, 12 February 1903**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cold; heavy snowstorm yesterday. 11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Anthon H. Lund, and Jno. R. Winder, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, Jno. Smith, pat., and the clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "Let Us Pray, Gladly Pray." Pres. Winder opened, and Elder Jno. H. Smith was mouth at the altar.

In view of Elder Smoot's early departure for Washington (namely, next Monday) he knelt at the altar and received a special blessing, in which the blessing and favor of the Lord was sought for his success in obtaining a seat in the senate of the United States Congress, Pres. Smith being mouth. The brethren disrobed and sang, "Let Zion in Her Beauty Rise." The minutes of Feb. 5 were read and approved.

The clerk read a letter from Pres. Byron Sessions of the Big Horn Stake, in which he set forth the desirability of some steps being taken to secure 17,000 acres of choice land on Whistle Creek, Wyoming. It could be had on very reasonable terms with ten years time for settlement of the obligation. Elder Woodruff confirmed the statement of Pres. Sessions and said he thought it advisable for the church to make a move in the matter. After some discussion, it became the sense of the council that immediate steps be taken to secure the said tract of land, and \$500 was appropriated to make surveys and so forth. Elder Woodruff was authorized to continue in the supervision of the colonization of the Big Horn country, including the lands above referred to.

Elder Woodruff reported that a very choice body of land of some 22,000 acres could be secured in the Payette Valley, Idaho, at a low figure but to make it valuable and productive it would be necessary to build a canal costing about \$150,000. With such a canal this land would furnish ideal homes for the Latter-day Saints, and the future tithing derived therefrom would pay good interest on the investment. The council was not prepared to act upon the matter, but instructed Elder Woodruff, with Hyrum M. Smith associated, to investigate further into the proposition and report.

The clerk read a letter from Pres. [William H.] Smart of

Wasatch Stake, in which he reported the division of Heber City into three wards and Midway into two wards under the direction of Elder M. F. Cowley, as follows: [Heber City:] Robt. Duke, bishop of 1st Ward; Jas. [Joseph] A. Rasband, bishop of 2nd Ward; Fredk. Crook, bishop of 3rd Ward; Midway: Jos. Wm. Francom, bishop of 1st Ward; Jacob Probst, bishop, 2nd Ward. The foregoing report was approved.

Conference appointments: Nebo, Elder Teasdale; Granite, Elders Jno. H. Smith and R. Clawson.

### *Reports*

Elder Jno. H. Smith reported the Bingham Stake Conference at Shelley, Idaho. Elder Hy. M. Smith accompanied him. Large attendance and good spirit. Jno. R. Williams was ordained high priest and bishop and set apart to preside over Thomas Ward; Frank Hess or[dained] high priest and bishop and set apart to preside over Blackfoot Ward.

Elder Teasdale attended the South San Pete Stake Conference at Ephraim. Pres. Lund was also present. There was a good turn out. Besides the regular conference meetings, there was a priesthood meeting Sat. evening. The presidency of the high priest quorum and the high council were reorganized. The indebtedness of the Snow Academy at Ephraim is about \$4000.

Elder Cowley reported the Wasatch Stake Conference and in addition to what Pres. Smart had written felt to say that all the bishoprics and stake presidencies were heard from. The tithing had increased \$4000 in past two years; the fast offerings 98%, and there were 60 young people from Wasatch attending the Brigham Young Academy.

Elder Woodruff attended the Wayne Stake Conference at Loa. Said that it was difficult to get there on account of the recent heavy snow fall. Held high council meeting Sat. and conference meetings Sunday and Monday. Attendance large and good spirit prevailed. Also visited Teasdale Ward and while there set apart Heber J. Wilson as bishop (he having previously been ordained a bishop). On Feb. 3rd held meeting in the Giles Ward, on the 4th in Kanesville, and on the 5th in Thurber.

Elder Clawson visited Willard Ward, Box Elder Stake, on Sunday to assist in the reorganization of the bishopric. Bp. Geo. Facer was honorably released on account of ill health and was

succeeded by Wm. J. Facer, his son. He was ordained a high priest and bishop by Brother Clawson. Helgar Packer was sustained as 1st and Wm. M. White as 2nd counselors. Bp. Geo. Facer was present at the meeting and was as yellow as saffron in the face, his trouble being jaundice.

Elder Smoot did not fill his appointment to Wasatch Stake on account of a bad cold, of which he was now fairly well recovered. Jno. Smith, pat., attended the Oneida Stake Conference. Pres. Winder attended meeting in the Wilford Ward on Sunday. Pres. Smith said that he enjoyed a visit to the Sugar House Ward, where he attended a conjoint meeting of the young people. He had such freedom of spirit that he was led to talk for an hour and quarter.

Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Pat. Jno. Smith.

#### **Monday-Wednesday, 16-18 February 1903**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cold. I spent these three days in Salt Lake. Part of the time I was engaged in checking up the *Deseret News* bill against the church of some \$2600. It was a long and tedious task.

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings I attended a program meeting at the Beehive House, which was called for the purpose of giving Bp. Orson F. Whitney an opportunity of reading his last and greatest effort in poetry—his masterpiece—namely, “Elias, an Epic of the Ages.” The poem has great merit and will doubtless be issued from the press at an early day. It deals with the great plan of salvation as introduced and shown in the history of the Mormon Church.

#### **Thursday, 19 February 1903**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool; cold spell breaking. 10:30 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jno. R. Winder and Anthon H. Lund, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Mariner W. Merrill, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Hyrum M. Smith, Jno. Smith, pat., and the clerk. Song, “The Time Is Far Spent.” Jno. Smith was mouth in prayer. The minutes of Feb. 12 were read and approved. At this point President Jos. F. Smith came in.

The clerk read a letter from Alfred A. Cluff and several other

brethren written in behalf of about 25 members of the church from Guatemala, Central America. They reported the fact that they had reached that land and found everything favorable to establishing a colony of our people, which they would do. Said that the Presidency of the church might look for a letter from them occasionally. Regarding this matter Pres. Smith said that they were counseled not to go, because of the great distance from the body of the saints, and the first thing we knew they had gone. Elder Jno. H. Smith moved that, notwithstanding the move had been made against counsel, they be nursed along and that a kind and encouraging letter be written in answer to their communication. Carried.

A letter was read from Chas. W. Carroll, Orderville. He said that the report had gone out among the people down there that plural marriages were being solemnized under the sanction of the Presidency, and this was causing some commotion among the saints. Pres. Smith remarked that, as the brethren knew, the rumor was foundationless, and Elders Teasdale and Cowley were instructed to confer with Brother Carroll at the next quarterly conference of the Panguitch Stake and endeavor to correct any wrong impression in the minds of the people.

The presidency of the Utah Stake wrote, recommending the honorable release of Bp. Hugh Clayton that he might assume the management of the Provo Woolen Mills. The council did not concur in this suggestion, but felt that he could meet both obligations.

Certain questions, that had come to the general board of the Y.M.M.I.A. from the Fremont Stake, were now referred to the council by Thos. Hull, Sec. 1st: Would it be proper for members of the lesser priesthood to assist in administering to the sick? Answer: In cases where necessary, they might assist, but could not officiate by anointing or sealing the anointing. They could lay their hands on the sick in connection with the elder. 2nd: Would it be necessary for a seventy who had been called to be an alternate high councillor to be ordained a high priest? Answer: Yes. 3rd: In several instances young men had been ordained to the office of a deacon without mentioning the church or sealing upon him the gifts, powers, and authority of the office. Would this be proper? Answer: No. Considered by the council a very foolish question to ask.

Conference appointments: Benson, Elders Cowley and Hyrum M. Smith; Box Elder, Elders Merrill and Clawson; special

meeting at Pleasant Grove Ward to determine the advisability of dividing the ward and locating new meeting house, Elder Teasdale; Millard Stake, one of the seventies.

### *Reports*

Elder Jno. H. Smith said that he attended the Granite Stake Conference part of Saturday and part of Sunday last. The gatherings were choice. Sunday afternoon spoke at the tabernacle, Salt Lake.

Elder Teasdale attended the Nebo Stake Conference and while there dedicated a very beautiful building erected at Payson for the use of the presidency of the stake and high council and other stake purposes.

Elder Merrill attended meeting at home. Elder Cowley reported the Star Valley Stake Conference. Encountered deep snow and severely cold weather. Good conference. Heard from most of the stake organizations. Religion classes gave some interesting exercises during the conference.

Jno. Smith was busily engaged in giving patriarchal blessings. Presidents Winder and Lund and Elders Woodruff, Clawson, and Hyrum M. Smith were also at the Granite Stake Conference. Pres. Smith attended a revival conjoint meeting at Murray Sunday evening. House crowded.

The reports and labors of the brethren were approved. Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Elder M. W. Merrill.

### **Tuesday-Wednesday, 24-25 February 1903**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cold. I was busily engaged during these two days in part in entering financial statement of the church for 1902 in the record prepared for same.

I went with my brother, Fred, several times to administer to Sister Clara Benedict, who was recently confined with childbirth and who is critically ill—in fact, she is beyond the reach of the physician's skill. The case is now in the hands of the Lord.

On Tuesday I invested \$500 in the Idaho Sugar Factory enterprise. To do this it was necessary to borrow part of the money with a view to paying it back by monthly installments of \$25.

### **Thursday, 26 February 1903**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cold. 10:35 a.m. Meeting at the



temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Matthias F. Cowley, Rudger Clawson, Hyrum M. Smith, Jno. Smith, pat., and the clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "Glorious Things Are Sung of Zion." Elder Hyrum M. Smith opened, and Pres. Lund was mouth at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "God Moves in a Mysterious Way."

There was some discussion regarding secret orders in our midst, suggested by the fact that in one instance a secret order claimed the privilege to officiate at the funeral of a member of the society—a Latter-day Saint—and in case of denial threatened to withhold the annuity, or death allowance, to which said deceased person was entitled. The bishop objected to being mixed up with said society in the funeral services. It became the sense of the council that the stand taken by the bishop was [right] and that in future cases of a similar character, our bishops should insist upon completing the funeral service before any society or outside organization should officiate in the burial.

Minutes of Feb. 19 were read and approved. The clerk read a letter from Geo. D. Pyper in regard to the St. Louis Exposition. He stated that he was giving the matter of church representation his attention. Pres. Smith remarked in this connection that an effort had been put forth by influential people to have a special exhibit of church work and special building for use of all churches at said exposition, but now that the Mormon Church had made application for proper representation, it looked as if the whole project would be killed. This statement did not come to the council with a crushing surprise, as they were accustomed to such things.

The presidency of the Union Stake recommended by letter the appointment of Wm. J. Waile to the bishopric of Baker City Ward. The selection was confirmed. Conference appointments: Pangitch, Elder Cowley; Tooele, Elder Hyrum M. Smith; Union Stake, Elder Jno. H. Smith.

### *Reports*

Elder Jno. H. Smith said that he visited Boise, Idaho, last Sunday and held four meetings, which were well attended. Pres. [Franklin S.] Bramwell of Union Stake and Elder [Melvin J.] Ballard and Jos. McMurrin and other speakers were present. The branch recently organized at Boise numbers over 100 souls. Ezra

J. Merrill was chosen to preside. On Monday in company with several of the brethren he visited the penitentiary and held services. Elder Ballard sang and he did the preaching. Conditions in Idaho are favorable to our people at the present time.

Elder Teasdale visited Pleasant Grove last Sunday. Inspected the ruins of the meeting house recently destroyed by fire. Held council meeting with the presidency of the stake and bishopric of the ward Saturday afternoon and priesthood meeting in the evening. The people voted against division, and a site was selected for the new meeting house on a piece of ground 10 x 10 rods square.

Elder Clawson said that Elder Merrill and himself [were] in attendance at the Box Elder Stake Conference. The meetings were largely attended, and the bishops gave in excellent reports. The lesser priesthood are active. Was pleased to report that Brigham City is now favorably situated in regard to their amusements for the young. Through the counsel and earnest effort of the presidency of the stake, the people have joined together and purchased the opera house property for the four wards. The amusements will hereafter be under the control of the priesthood. Was also pleased to say that the difficulty between the Brigham City Corporation and the Electric Light Co. had been adjusted, and the city would own its own electric light system.

Elder Hyrum M. Smith reported the Benson Stake Conference, which was an interesting occasion. Elder Cowley was also present. Brigham Benson was ordained a [first counselor to] bishop [Benjamin F. Bingham] and set apart to preside over the Trenton Ward, and some other minor changes were effected. With an income of over half a million dollars, the people of that stake were, nevertheless, heavily in debt. Preached against this evil. Advised the pres. of the stake to insure the meeting house.

Pat. Jno. Smith attended the funeral of Bp. [Frederick W.] Schoenfeld's wife at Brighton on Sunday. Pres. Lund attended the Scandinavian meeting, this city, on Sunday a.m. and the 17th Ward meeting in the evening. Pres. Winder attended meeting at Mill Creek. Upon motion the reports and labors of the brethren were approved. Upon motion of Elder Jno. H. Smith, the Boise Branch was detached from the Union Stake and added to the N.W. States Mission.

Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Elder Teasdale.

**Thursday, 5 March 1903**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy; heavy rain during night. 10:15 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Marriner W. Merrill, Rudger Clawson, Hyrum M. Smith, Jno. Smith, pat., and the clerk.

Some informal talk was indulged in regarding Brother Reed Smoot at Washington, and the information was brought out by the reading of an excerpt from the *Tribune* that Dr. [Samuel E.] Wishard was in Washington to enter formal protest against the seating of Brother Smoot. Pres. Smith remarked that the activity of Satan and his hosts against us in the present case was only a further testimony to him of the divinity of Mormonism. In view of the fact that the question of seating Brother Smoot would probably be under consideration while we were in session, he suggested that special prayers be offered up in his behalf.

Song, "How Firm a Foundation." Elder Merrill opened, and Elder Clawson was mouth at the altar. Song, "Zion Stands with Hills Surrounded." Minutes of meeting held Feb. 26 were read and approved.

The clerk read a letter from Bp. W. D. Johnson, Diaz, Mexico, in which he stated that 12% was allowed for handling the tithes paid in Mexico—10% to the bishops and 2% to the stake tithing clerk. As said clerk, he received \$600 in 1901, and \$475 in 1902. He now asked that last year's percentage be raised to \$600, which request was approved by Pres. [Anthony W.] Ivins. Granted.

Pres. Reuben Miller of Emery reported the following ordinations at recent stake conference: Jno. C. Welsh, h. p. [high priest] and high councillor; Jno. Reeve, h. p. and high councillor; Jno. Wood, president, 2nd quorum elders; Jno. Finlayson, stake supt. religion classes; Oscar Fullmer, h. p. and bishop of Abraham Ward. Approved by unanimous vote.

Stake conferences: Salt Lake, Pres. Winder, Jno. H. Smith, and Rudger Clawson; North San Pete, Elder Teasdale; Pocatello, Elders Merrill and Hyrum M. Smith. Pres. [William A.] Hyde of Pocatello Stake recommended Nathan S. Coffin for bishop of Marsh Center to succeed Lehi Wright, removed to Oregon. Recommendation approved.

### *Reports*

Elder Jno. H. Smith said that he attended the Union Stake Conference at LaGrande, Ore., and was accompanied by Elder Jos. W. McMurrin. Organized the 143rd quorum of seventies, with the following brethren as presidents: M. O. Miner, J. M. Grant Geddes, Andrew Amusen, Geo. R. Lyman, and Elder McBride—the others to be chosen later. The following ordinations also occurred: Jas. H. Wadscow, patriarch; Parley M. Griggs, high priest and high councillor; Lehi Wright, high councillor; Arnold W. Miller, h. p. and high councillor; W[illiam] J. Wale, h. p. and bishop of Baker City; Hans Jacob Jeppesen, h. p. and bishop of Bramwell; Wilford E. Andersen, h. p. and bp. of Emmett Ward. Reported quite an influx of our people into the LaGrande valley. Good spirit in the stake. Pres. [Franklin S.] Bramwell active and faithful, but Chas. W. Nibley stronger man of the two. The latter has purchased mills and timber land at a cost of \$300,000 at LaGrande and will move from Baker City to that place.

Elder Teasdale attended prayer circle, Sunday School, and fast meeting at Nephi last Sunday. Elder Merrill attended Sunday School and meeting at home last Sabbath. Elder Clawson attended the temple fast meeting on Sunday and meeting in the 18th Ward chapel in afternoon.

Elder Hyrum M. Smith said that he and Jas. Sharp attended the Tooele Stake Conference Sunday and Monday. Meeting fairly well attended and good spirit prevailed. Less tithing paid in Tooele Stake last year than the year before. Reports at conjoint meeting not very favorable to young people. Felt that Pres. [Hugh S.] Gowans was very easygoing for a president of a stake. Jno. Smith, pat., was also in attendance at the conference.

Pres. Lund went to Lehi last Sunday to visit a sick friend and while there attended meeting. Pres. Winder attended the temple fast meeting Sunday a.m. and Farmers Ward meeting p.m. Pres. Smith attended fast meeting at the temple. Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Pres. Jno. R. Winder.

Note. Immediately upon conclusion of the prayer at altar, word came by wire from Washington that Senator [George F.] Hoar moved that Reed Smoot of Utah be sworn in as a member of the senate and that said motion was carried by unanimous vote. This news was received by the brethren with a feeling of satisfac-

tion and thankfulness.

**Wednesday, 11 March 1903**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild; beautiful day. 8 a.m. Lydia's confinement was still in progress. At 9:50 a.m. the doctor consented for me to attend a meeting of the board of directors of the Utah Light and Power Co. One purpose of the meeting was to elect the officers of the company for the year 1903. The election resulted as follows: Jos. F. Smith, president; Jno. R. Winder, 1st vice president; Thos. G. Webber, 2nd vice president; L. S. Hills, treasurer; Robt. S. Campbell, sec. and manager; executive committee, Jno. R. Winder, L. S. Hills, and Rudger Clawson.

While the meeting was in progress Dr. [Charles F.] Wilcox called in and notified me that the child [Lydia Clawson] was born at 10 a.m. and was a beautiful girl, weighing 9 1/2 lbs. The mother and child, he said, were doing well. This was very gratifying news to me, for we were anxiously looking for a girl—we now have living 4 boys and 2 girls, and dead 3 boys and 1 girl. Upon my return home, I found that she was indeed a beautiful girl. We rejoiced in the goodness of the Lord unto us.

At 3:30 p.m. I attended a meeting of the religion class board. Returned home early in the day.

**Thursday, 12 March 1903**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild; like a spring day. 10:50 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Rudger Clawson, Hyrum M. Smith, Jno. Smith, pat., and the clerk.

Pres. Smith asked if any of the brethren had heard from Brother Brigham this morning. Geo. Gibbs said that word was received to the effect that he was somewhat better. Pres. Smith said that Brother Wm. Bateman, who is waiting upon Brigham, informed him the other day that he was slowly growing worse each day. Brother Brigham himself seems to be very hopeful. He remarked to one of the brethren the other day that he was all right above the abdomen—namely, in the heart, liver, lungs, and kidneys, but was in a bad condition below the waist.

Sympathy was expressed for Jno. W. Young, who is financially

distressed in Paris, as it was thought he would not be likely to recover from this last great misfortune. It was remarked that he had many times been upon the point of succeeding, but invariably failed.

The brethren clothed and sang, "Come, All Ye Sons of Zion." Pres. Smith opened, and Elder Teasdale was mouth at the altar. The brethren disrobed and further sang, "How Firm a Foundation."

The clerk read a letter from the presidency of the Juab Stake. They recommended that Bp. Geo. Hales of Mammoth Ward be honorably released from his bishopric as he desired to return to his old home at Spanish Fork and that the bishopric be reorganized next Sunday. The recommendation was approved and Elder Clawson was appointed to effect the change.

Pres. J. A. McRae, pres. of the Colorado Mission, said that he had recently taken a trip through the mission and found the saints well and a good feeling towards us among strangers. The elders in the field report that they are short of help—at least thirty are needed and could be used to good advantage. A conference had been appointed for the 22, 23, and 24 March at Denver and he hoped that some of the brethren would be in attendance. No appointment made from the council.

Brother Nephi Pratt of the N.W. States Mission wrote, asking the attendance of some of the authorities at a conference to be held in Butte on the 15 inst. and at Anaconda on the 22nd. It was decided by unanimous vote that the next fast day in the Salt Lake Stake be held on the 29th of March instead of one week later so as not to interfere with the general conference.

### *Reports*

Elder Jno. H. Smith said that Pres. Winder, Elder Clawson, Pat. Jno. Smith, and himself attended the Salt Lake Stake Conference on Sunday last. There was a good attendance throughout, and some excellent reports were made. Pres. Winder spoke Sunday morning at the assembly hall, he [John Henry Smith] spoke Sunday afternoon at the tabernacle, and Elder Clawson spoke Sunday evening.

Elder Teasdale said that in company with Elder S. B. Young, he attended the North San Pete Stake Conference at Mt. Pleasant last Sat. and Sunday. They had a very good conference and while

there he attended a meeting of the presidency of the stake and high council.

Elder Clawson said that he was struck with a remark of Elder Geo. A. Smith, stake supt. Y.M.M.I.A., Salt Lake Stake, to the effect that after the division of some of the larger Salt Lake wards, the attendance and enrollment in the associations of the new wards was fully equal to that of the one association of the old ward. This, I remarked, was in harmony with our experience in dividing some of the larger stakes of Zion. I further reported that the meeting Sunday evening was opened 20 minutes after the time announced, and this led me to make some remarks upon the principle of punctuality in commencing our services. I called the attention of the congregation to the fact that we were making a strenuous effort to have our children punctual in attendance at their Sunday Schools but were setting an example of tardiness in our public meetings.

Elder Hyrum M. Smith reported the Pocatello Stake Conference. He said that the meetings were not well attended by the saints living out of Pocatello. In answer to the report that the Pocatello Stake was falling down in its tithing, he said that Pres. [William A.] Hyde felt encouraged, as in the past four years the tithing had increased nearly 100% or from \$8000 to \$14,000.

Pres. Lund said that Pres. Smith and himself attended a domestic conference of the B. Y. Academy last Sunday. It was reported that the duty of looking after the students after school hours was placed upon students chosen from the school with good results. The general reports were quite satisfactory.

The labors of the brethren were approved. Benediction by Jno. Smith, pat.

### Wednesday, 18 March 1903

Salt Lake City. Heavy snowstorm. At 10 a.m. Wednesday I attended a meeting of the executive committee of the Utah Light and Power Co., and at 3:30 p.m. a meeting of the general board of religion classes.

At 4:30 p.m., our baby being just 8 days old and in accordance with our custom heretofore, I blessed and named her. The name given was Lydia. She was dressed for the occasion and looked very sweet and beautiful. I was assisted by Brother George Auer. The mother, Sister Burt, Miss [Helen L.] McDuff, the nurse, and all the

children except Rudger were present. I gave the baby a gold pin with her name engraved upon it and a deposit of \$1.00 at the Zion's Savings Bank and a small bank from the same institution in which to collect and concentrate moneys for her from time to time to be deposited on her account. At 5 p.m. attended a meeting of the general board of the Y.M.M.I.A.

#### Thursday, 19 March 1903

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cold, with snow on ground. 10:20 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Rudger Clawson, Hyrum M. Smith, Patriarch [John Smith], and clerk.

There was some informal talk regarding the great tidal wave on the Tuamotu group of islands and the miraculous escape of the elders. It was sad to learn, however, that some of the native saints perished. Pres. Smith remarked that a discourse upon the great judgments predicted in the scriptures would be very interesting in view of recent happenings in the world.

The brethren clothed and sang, "Great God, Attend While Zion Sings." Elder Jno. H. Smith opened, and Hyrum M. Smith was mouth at the altar. The brethren disrobed and sang, "A Poor Wayfaring Man of Grief." The minutes of March 12th were read and approved.

The clerk read a letter from Elder Cowley at Kanab, in which he gave a brief account of his labors in the Kanab and Panguitch Stakes. Was accompanied by L. A. Kelsch, Julia A. Brixen, and others. Encountered deep snow on the trip down. Conference appointments: Parowan Stake, Elder Cowley; Malad, Elder Hy. M. Smith; Hyrum Stake, Elder Teasdale; Davis, Elder Clawson and the Patriarch.

A letter from Mgr. [Horace G.] Whitney of the *News* was read by the clerk. He referred to the publication of the pamphlet entitled *Mormonism* written by B. H. Roberts. His understanding of the proposition was that the church should furnish the money to print say 20,000 copies at 3 7/10 cts. each or \$740. The *News* would handle them and in the course of a year return the money advanced to the church.

The question was discussed. Pres. Smith thought it unfair to



advance the money without interest or any consideration. It would be only proper, he thought, for the *News* to share the profits of handling this publication with the church—inasmuch as they supplied the means. Some of the brethren took the view that it made but little difference, as the *Deseret News* business belonged to the church, and whatever profits there were would eventually come to the trustee-in-trust. Pres. Smith, however, did not quite endorse this view, and the matter was referred to Elder Clawson of the auditing committee to investigate and get more favorable terms. Pres. Smith at this juncture expressed some dissatisfaction with the manner in which the *News* is conducted, and rather spoke as if he felt that his wishes in regard to its policy were disregarded. The headlines in the *News* sometimes gave it the appearance of a gentile paper. As, for instance, referring to our people constantly as the “Mormons” or the great “Mormon” conference, and alluding to Senator Smoot, as Smoot. To say the least, this was disrespectful and unbecoming. Presidents Winder and Lund were appointed to have a talk with Elders [Charles W.] Penrose, [Horace G.] Whitney, and [John E.] Hansen in regard to some of these things. It was decided that all copyrights of the church publications should be assigned to the trustee-in-trust rather than to the *Deseret News*.

### *Reports*

Elder Teasdale said that he started for Richfield last Saturday to attend the Sevier Stake Conference, but missed R.R. connection and failed to reach that point. On Sunday visited Levan and reorganized the Sunday School of that ward.

Elder Clawson reported his visit to the Mammoth Ward. The church population of that place was, he said, 275 souls. All the ward organizations were complete except the religion class. A good prayer circle has been organized and meets weekly. In the evening Bp. Geo. Hales was honorably released to return to his home at Spanish Fork and the following brethren were called to the bishopric: Fredk. Lundberg, bishop; Andrew Steedman, 1st counselor; Wm. Chatwin, 2nd counselor. It was very evident that Bp. Hales had accomplished a good work during the past eight years. Bro. Clawson was mouth in ordaining Bp. Lundberg, while Pres. Jas. Paxman officiated in setting Elder Steedman apart and Isaac H. Grace, Elder Chatwin.

Elder Hy. M. Smith attended the Morgan Stake Conference.

Enjoyed the visit. Said that in the Croyden Ward there were two factions at enmity one with the other, which had brought about the bishop's release, and a presiding elder had been called to take his place. All the organizations were complete with the exception of the religion class. Jno. R. Porter was set apart as a high councilor. Spoke of a scandal in the Morgan Stake that had grown out of a case of immorality and was causing a great deal of discussion and bad feeling.

The Patriarch attended meeting at the tabernacle last Sunday, as also did Pres. Lund. Pres. Winder attended a funeral in the Mill Creek Ward and in the afternoon of Sunday called to see Pres. Brigham Young. Could not see, he said, that he was improving; his legs were very much swollen. Nevertheless, he was quite cheerful.

The reports were received and the labors of the brethren approved. Benediction by Pres. Lund.

#### **Sunday, 22 March 1903**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 9 a.m. Left by the dummy line for Bountiful to attend the Davis Stake Conference. Pres. A. H. Lund and Elder R. S. Wells were in attendance.

10 a.m. First session of conference, Stake Coun. Hy. Grant presiding. Coun. Hy. Grant was the first speaker. Topics. Reported that the stake organizations were in fairly good condition. Read a letter of greeting from Pres. Jno. W. Hess, who is indisposed. Rudger Clawson. Topics treated. Religion Class work. Pres. A. H. Lund. Topics. Advantages of church school education. True religion.

2 p.m. Continuation of conference, Counselor Hy. Grant presiding. The first speaker was Elder Rulon S. Wells. Topics treated. Family prayer. The saints should often converse upon the principles of the gospel. The religion class movement. Pres. Anthon H. Lund. Topics. The mission of Joseph Smith. The purpose of the deluge in the days of Noah. The turning of the hearts of the children to the fathers. Baptism for the dead.

#### **Thursday, 26 March 1903**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 10:32 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Mat-

thias F. Cowley, Rudger Clawson, Abraham O. Woodruff, Hyrum M. Smith, Jno. Smith, patriarch, and the clerk.

There was some informal talk regarding the question as to whether there are, or would be, any women in hell. It was conceded that some women by their acts—namely, abortion, child murder after birth, and the poisoning of their husbands, and other criminal acts—merited a place in the lower regions. President Smith expressed the view that women who commit such crimes as those mentioned would receive punishment to the uttermost farthing, but that there would be no daughters of perdition. This, he said, was his view in regard to the matter, which also seemed to meet the minds of the brethren.

The question was asked as [to] the health of Elder Marriner W. Merrill, and Elder Cowley reported that he was suffering with paralysis or numbness of the lower limbs but is now a little better. Pres. Winder remarked that he was troubled with a numbness in his left arm from the elbow down.

The brethren clothed and sang, "When Shall We All Meet Again?" Elder Woodruff opened, and Elder Cowley was mouth at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "From Greenland's Icy Mountain." The minutes of March 19 were read and approved.

An application for the use of the tabernacle in June was received from the principal of the All Hallows College, Catholic. The purpose was to give a sacred concert to raise means to assist in the erection of an additional school building. The matter was discussed and it became the consensus of opinion that inasmuch as our elders in the field were making application for the use of church buildings in which to preach the gospel, that we could do no less than grant the request, which was done.

Elder Hyrum M. Smith at this point offered some criticism as to the character of several entertainments given in the tabernacle, which in his judgment had a tendency to desecrate the building. For example, when the Scotch band from Canada was here, the Highland fling and the sword dance were given, and other exercises of a vaudeville character. He remarked that after some of the performances a half a bushel of cigar stumps could be gathered up. He felt that this matter should have our careful attention. It was moved and carried that hereafter the tabernacle be not rented

for entertainments in which dancing occurred or anything calculated to desecrate the house, and in fact not until after the program had been submitted to President Smith. Carried.

The clerk read a letter from Wm. A. Hyde of the Pocatello Stake, in which he desired counsel in reference to our attitude to the Young Men's Christian Assn. In Pocatello they were very friendly to our people and desired him to affiliate with them. He now wished to know how far it would be wisdom for him to go in this matter.

The question provoked a good deal of discussion. Elder Jno. H. Smith said that the general purpose of the Y.M.C.A. was to win young men away from the saloon and bad companionship and he felt that it might be good policy to affiliate with them to some extent. Elder Clawson took an entirely different view. He said he looked upon the Y.M.C.A. as being a very little less dangerous to our young people than the secret orders against which we proclaim. While we approve of all the good they do, to affiliate with them would be giving the seal of sanction, and the tendency would be to draw our young men away from the church institutions. What is lacking in our church schools in the line of a gymnasium should be supplied that our young people would have no desire to go to the Y.M.C.A. rooms. Elder Woodruff was opposed to affiliation. He remarked that "those who are not for us are against us" [cf. Matthew 12:30]. Pres. Smith said that he did not want his children to patronize the Y.M.C.A. and was, therefore, opposed to affiliation. He had recently visited the gymnasium at the B. Y. College at Logan and the one at the B. Y. Academy, Provo, and was well pleased with what he saw. The Latter-day Saints University should have something of the same kind. It is required of us to keep ourselves pure and unspotted from the associations and organizations of the world. We should not affiliate or fraternize with them. We can mingle with the world and not be hurt but our children cannot—this by reason of their lack of knowledge. The Mutual Improvement Associations include and comprehend all that they have and more too. It was decided to write and advise Pres. Hyde to simply maintain a friendly and liberal neutrality towards the Y.M.C.A.

The clerk read a letter from Roxey Nelson, Denver, addressed to Annie T. Hyde, in which she asked if it would be proper to invite

gentile doctors to lecture before the parents class of the Relief Society in the Denver Branch of the church. The answer was that it would be proper to do so under wise restrictions. The privilege should be limited to notable and scientific men.

Pres. Lund and Elder Jno. H. Smith were appointed to attend the dedicatory service at the Sandy Ward meeting house next Sunday, when the meeting house will be dedicated. This was the only appointment made.

### *Reports*

Elder Geo. Teasdale said that he attended the Hyrum Stake Conference last Saturday and Sunday. Elders Jos. M. Tanner and Congressman [Joseph] Howell were present. There was fine turnout which necessitated an overflow meeting on Sunday p.m. All the wards were represented and all the organizations were doing well with the exception, possibly, of the religion classes.

Elder Cowley reported the St. George Conference, the other conferences during his absence having been reported by letter. The meetings were well attended and a good spirit prevailed. He was gone from home a little over two weeks and during that time had held 50 meetings. Three of the brethren in the St. George Stake were ordained to the office of patriarch.

From what Elder Cowley and Elder Woodruff and other brethren said at this point it was learned that the Panguitch Stake was in need of early attention. The spirit of the work there was at a low ebb. Pres. David Cameron, while a good man of strong integrity, was not equal to the responsibilities of his position. He lacked somewhat in the spirit of progress and enterprise, and it seemed to be the feeling of the council that a change is imperative.

Elder Woodruff said that he left 5 weeks ago for the Big Horn country. Met Gov. [DeForest] Richards of Wyoming at Cheyenne and was kindly received. The governor remarked that our people—the four representatives—had had great influence in the legislature. He himself had relied upon Byron Sessions for counsel and advice. From Cheyenne he went to Denver and visited the saints there and then proceeded on his way to the Big Horn. Said that he assisted Engineer Chas. Hardy, with the help of others, to survey or run a line for the proposed new canal leading to the tract of land known as the Whistle Creek Tract, consisting of 50,000 acres of which 35,000 acres was of most excellent quality. He

considered the land very desirable for our people but did not feel to make any particular recommendation as to its acquirement by the church in view of the magnitude of the canal feature of the enterprise. He now took pleasure, he said, in submitting the report of the presidency of the Big Horn Stake endorsed by the priesthood under their jurisdiction.

The clerk read the report, which was to the effect that the canal already built through the country where the saints were located was 20 miles long [and] had been three years in construction at a cost of \$100,000, which obligation had been met by the people of the colony. The canal together with the lands it had made valuable could today be sold for \$200,000. The governor assures the colonists that when they can raise 3000 acres of beets they shall have a sugar factory.

The canal leading to the Whistle Creek Tract would cost \$200,000, but in view of what had already been accomplished by the building of the first canal and the increase of value that had thereby accrued to the lands now settled, they strongly recommended the acquirement by the church of Whistle Creek Tract for the settlement of our people. One third of the cost of building the canal must be met with cash and the balance could be furnished by labor on the part of settlers.

On motion of Elder Jno. H. Smith the report was approved and the recommendations adopted. Elder Woodruff said that in view of the adoption of the report that a few good, substantial, enterprising brethren, like Presidents [Byron] Sessions and [Jesse W.] Crosby, should be called to take charge of a movement looking to the colonizing said lands. Elder Cowley reported that some of the leading brethren in the southern part of the state desired to go to the Big Horn country and other places in the north.

Elder Clawson reported the Davis Stake Conference of last week. Pres. Lund and the Patriarch were present. The affairs of the stake were in a reasonably good condition. A splendid spirit prevailed at the conference. As against a church population of over 7000, there were 188 non-tithe-payers. This we considered not a bad showing, but it furnished a text for discussion.

Elder Hyrum M. Smith said that he attended the Malad Stake Conference held at Fielding and enjoyed the spirit of the occasion. Pres. Smith reported that he called on a Mr. and Mrs. Nichols at the

[Hotel] Knutsford, who claimed relationship to the Prophet Joseph.

Pres. Winder said that he paid Brother Brigham a visit on Sunday and found him in no way improved. His legs were very much swollen and hard as this table (referring to the table just in front of him). He had quite a heavy fall the other day and it was with some difficulty that they got him on to his feet again. Notwithstanding all this, Brother Brigham, he said, maintains a spirit of cheerfulness, and even indulges, as was formerly his wont, in pleasantries and joking remarks.

The reports were received and the labors of the brethren approved. The meeting adjourned and Elder Clawson offered the benediction.

#### **Sunday, 29 March 1903**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and mild. 10 a.m. Fast meeting at the temple, Pres. Jos. F. Smith presiding. A number of the brethren and sisters bore their testimonies. Pres. Smith also occupied a portion of the time. He spoke upon the principle of integrity. Said that he loved those who loved the Lord. Much will be forgiven to the man who is faithful to his brethren, the priesthood, and the Lord. Counseled parents to look well after their children and guard their habits.

In the evening I attended a conjoint meeting in the 18th Ward chapel. Elder Benj. Cluff, president of the B. Y. Academy, delivered a lecture on the South American Expedition, which was undertaken some time ago by Pres. Cluff and others from the academy. His remarks were of an exceedingly interesting character.

#### **Wednesday, 1 April 1903**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy; rain during the night. 10 a.m. Attended a meeting of the executive committee of the Utah Light and Power Co.

11 a.m. Quarterly conference of the Twelve at the temple. Present: Elders Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Jno. W. Taylor, Marriner W. Merrill, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith.

Having been lawfully detained, I was a little late to the meeting and Elder Jno. H. Smith was speaking. He alluded to the extremes



to which some of the brethren go in their administration over the saints. He understood that in one ward the bishop required the people to ask forgiveness for the most trivial offenses; in another ward the boys were forbidden to play marbles.

Elder Geo. Teasdale. Topics treated. Was happy, he said, to be here—yesterday was quite sick with a cold. Spoke at some length upon the subject of amusements, of which he was reminded by the fact that at the B. Y. Academy, Provo, they have nothing but round dances in their parties. This, he felt, was improper and remarked that excessive round dancing exerted a bad influence over the mind. Enjoyed himself exceedingly at the last quarterly conference in the Hyrum Stake, where the Spirit of the Lord was poured out upon the people without measure. Referred to Elder Smoot's election to the U.S. Senate and said that he recognized the hand of the Lord in it. He will be able to represent Utah affairs as they are. Rejoiced in the union of the brethren of this council. Felt thankful that he had received the principle of plural marriage. When sick upon a mission many years ago, the fact that he had not entered into the practice of this higher law was the one and only thing that worried him. Prophesied that our enemies would never prevail against us, and we shall be blessed individually with every gift needful for our welfare. Remembered that Brother Brigham, who is sick, was healed upon one occasion by the prayer of faith offered by Pres. Smith and his brethren, but the Lord at this time seems to have something else in view concerning him.

At this point Elder Woodruff, who had just come from the bedside of Brother Brigham, said that he bore a message from him, which, as nearly as he could get it by brief notes taken at the time, was as follows:

[Brigham Young, Jr.] I do not know whether I shall pull through or not, but I firmly believe that I shall and that a few more years will be added to my life. I do not know how long it will take me to recover, but I have faith to that end. I would like the apostles to arrange a time to come to my home and meet with me. If I live, it will do no harm, and if it should die, it may do some good. I have no wish to tax the brethren unnecessarily, and they may think this request foolish, but to me it is rational and will do me much good. The advance of the cause has been steady and all the works of God praise him. The wicked are sinking



deeper in the mire, while the righteous are moving on to success. I am not bowed down but am bouyed up. I see how the brethren are honoring their callings and how wonderfully they are advancing. Our steps will never be backward in this world nor in the next. I rejoice each day in witnessing from a side view the advancement of God's work. I would like to know when the brethren will come, and let it be as early as possible. Oh! I would like to be with you at the temple and I expect to be, but just when I cannot say. I feel exceedingly well spiritually. How can the Lord be better to us, his wayward children, than he is?

Elder Jno. W. Taylor. Topics treated. Am sorry that Elder Teasdale is suffering from a cold and that Brother Brigham is still sorely afflicted, although he seems to have great faith. Brother Taylor said that he had just returned from a trip to Mexico and while there visited the city of Mexico in company with Pres. [Anthony W.] Ivins and also the missionary field near the latter city. Many of the Indians of Mexico are being baptized and are desirous of being taken out of the country and colonized. They cling to the promises made in the Book of Mormon. It may be said of them that they are much more intelligent than the northern Indians. Brother Ivins and himself both think that some place near our settlements should be provided for their colonization. Brothers Ammon Tenney and [H. L.] Hall, who are laboring among the Indians, do not get along together very well, and so it was thought advisable to release Brother Tenney for the present, which was done. Brother [Hyrum S.] Harris was called to succeed him. There were about 300 Indians in attendance at the conference held during his visit, and some of the women walked 75 miles with babies strapped to their backs in order to be present, which showed great faith on their part. There are some 11,000,000 of these people in Mexico. The missionary work should be checked until such time as a place is found to locate the converts. Brother Ivins is a little puzzled as to a suitable location for colonizing them. The Juarez Stake paid \$23,000 [in] gold in tithing last year. Brother Ivins, in his opinion, is a good, strong man and well qualified for the presidency of that stake and mission.

It was moved and carried that the brethren go in a body to visit Brother Brigham at 3 p.m., and recess was taken until 2 p.m.

2 p.m. Elder Marriner W. Merrill was the first speaker. Said

that he was not feeling very well, but had made a special effort to reach this [these] meetings, as he considered them by far the best meetings that we have—even better, if anything, than the conferences. About a month ago he was stricken with a feeling of numbness in his legs, which occasioned him considerable inconvenience. Had listened with great interest to the report of Elder Taylor. Remembered hearing Brother [Moses] Thatcher many years ago predict that the Indians in Mexico would receive the gospel as a nation. It would now almost appear as if the prediction was on the point of fulfillment. The work of the Lord is stronger in the earth today than ever before. There was only one member of his family in the church, namely, himself. Had rejoiced much in laboring for his dead. Encouraged the people to get up their records, for he felt it an important thing to hunt after our kindred and urge others to do the same. Had once heard a good man prophesy that the land of North and South America would yet be dotted with temples and work would go on in them until all of Adam's race should be saved that could be. Said that he had no feelings against any living soul. Felt to sustain the Presidency. I want to hold on to the faith and never apostatize. Our families will constitute our kingdoms. If we are faithful, power will be given us to save our wayward children.

Elder Cowley. Topics treated. Said that since the last conference of the Twelve, he had visited 12 stake conferences, having been out nearly every Sunday. Desired while young to be kept busy as in old age he might be incapable of any great activity. While in attendance at the recent Kanab Stake Conference, he was led by a rich outpouring of the Holy Spirit to speak upon the principle of plural marriage and to defend it. This talk seemed to be necessary because of a spirit of fault finding and complaint against the authorities that had broken out there. The present agitation throughout the country would doubtless result in good. The hand of the Lord is in it, so that our young people shall not lose sight of the principle. We must, of course, sustain the policies of the church, but cannot change the revelations of God. Plural marriage will stand. Said that some strong men of the church, living in the southern part of the state, desired to move away, and he thought that they should be directed to the proper localities. He was at peace, he said, with all mankind.

Elder Abraham O. Woodruff said that this is a time of refreshing for me. Spoke of his labors in the Big Horn Stake. Thought it very desirable to secure the Whistle Creek Tract of land. Had also been engaged in looking up the Payette Valley, Idaho, proposition. The prospects look bright for our people in a temporal way.

“Doxology.” Benediction by Elder Smoot.

The following brethren then took a car to go to Brother Brigham’s: Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, and Hyrum M. Smith. Brother[s] Merrill, Taylor, and Smoot were excused, because of feebleness in the case of Brother Merrill and appointments with the Presidency for the other two.

We found Brother Brigham feeling fairly well—that is to say, not in any particular pain, though he looked pale and weak and had evidently lost much flesh. His stomach and legs were very much swollen and bloated—as a result of his dropsical condition. He was quite cheerful throughout our visit and spoke in a very hopeful manner in relation to his condition. It would almost seem that, if he recovers, a miracle must needs be wrought in his behalf.

Just before taking our leave of Brother Brigham, Elder Jno. H. Smith asked if he had any special word for the brethren of the quorum. He spoke in substance as follows:

[Brigham Young, Jr.] I would like to say how satisfied I am. I feel that I am going to get well. Some time ago Sister Caroline Holbrook said to me that she was anxious about me and had made it a subject of prayer. The Spirit whispered to her (so she informed me) and said: “Be of good cheer; he will get well.” When summer comes, I expect to get out, and I certainly do not anticipate an underground passage at this time. If I were well, there is a question I would like to bring to the attention of the Presidency. And that is this: I feel that two or three members of our quorum should be appointed to visit every mission in the world for the purpose of regulating the affairs thereof. This has been on my mind, and if I were well, I should surely have talked the matter up. There are people in our missions coming into the church who are not converted. This is a growing evil and should with other things have proper attention. I feel that the Twelve should look after matters in all the missions. I do not see any necessity of regulating our own

affairs. I see that you are going from morn until night and I want to be with you. The quarterly meetings of the Twelve are productive of good. There is a necessity of the quorum coming together in this way and mingling their spirits, because of the divided character of their work. Socially we ought to draw a little closer, if possible. There is a thought in my mind and heart which is paramount above all else and it is this: that the kingdom is growing. You are marching right on, and great victories are being accomplished every day. I look upon the First Presidency as being in harmony with the work of the Lord. I pray for the Presidency and quorum and I tell you, I plead for myself. I am full of blessings for the quorum.

It was moved and carried that Pres. Young's remarks be entered up in the minutes as part of our proceedings.

Elder Jno. H. Smith said, Brother Brigham, you have our confidence, love, and best wishes for your complete restoration to health. In view of your sickness, we feel it would be an impropriety to remain longer at your bedside. May your last days be your best days and may God direct you in all things for your good.

The brethren then returned to the city.

#### Thursday, 2 April 1903

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 9 a.m. Continuation of quarterly conference of the Twelve. Present: Elders Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Marriner W. Merrill, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, and Hyrum M. Smith. Song, "Be It My Only Wisdom Here." Prayer by Elder Merrill. Minutes of Wednesday, Apr. 1, were read and approved.

Elder Clawson was the first speaker. Said that he had enjoyed the spirit of our meetings. Recognized the hand of the Lord in Elder Smoot's admittance into congress. Referring to the efforts of our enemies, said that no persecution or crusade against the saints from the first had ever permanently hurt the church. The clouds are sometimes very threatening, but there is always a way of escape. Remembered that during his incarceration in the penitentiary none of the brethren—not even the late President Snow—could foretell the outcome—and surely there was no one to predict that fair Utah would speedily come into the union of states. The wicked could do nothing against but [only something] for Zion.

While we may say that the work prospers and all is well, there is yet much work to be done, and a great responsibility rests upon the Twelve. Referring to the matter of tithing, said that the reports from the Presiding Bishop's office showed the number of tithe-payers in the church for the year 1902 to be 74,764, and that the number of non-tithe-payers were 12,412, divided as follows: 243 high priests, 656 seventies, 3396 elders, 584 priests, 600 teachers, 1966 deacons, total priesthood 7445, members 4967, grand total 12,412. Here was a field, the speaker said, for activity. Tithe-paying in his opinion was the true test of a man's faith; and furthermore, men who were guilty of neglect in this matter would in all probability be guilty of neglect in other things, such as prayer, word of wisdom, &c. Felt to be one with his brethren and held himself in constant readiness to answer the calls of the First Presidency and the president of his quorum.

Hyrum M. Smith followed and said in substance that he felt encouraged in his labors. The condition of the work of God in a general way was such, he thought, that we might feel encouraged. Greatly rejoiced in the weekly meetings of the council. Many of the careless ones among us are good at heart. The spirit of the gospel is with them and as they grow older, repentance will come. Tithe-paying in his judgment was not the great test of a man's faith. The true test is observance of one's prayers. Prayer had been a great support and strength to him.

At this point (10 a.m.) the First Presidency came in, and a little later Elder Reed Smoot. Pres. Smith asked after the health of Brother Brigham. Elder Jno. H. Smith said that we found him in a somewhat better spirit and condition. He made a nice talk to the brethren. Brother Woodruff was requested to read the synopsis of Brother Brigham's remarks, which he did.

President Smith observed that no portraits of Pres. Winder or Elder Hyrum M. Smith were hanging upon the walls of the room in which we were assembled with the other brethren of the council and suggested that Brother [John] Hafen be requested to furnish said portraits—especially in view of the fact that he is receiving \$100 per month from the church. Elder Jno. H. Smith moved the adoption of the suggestion, with the portrait of Patriarch Jno. Smith added. Carried.

Smoot opened, and Elder Taylor was mouth at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "Away With Our Fears."

The clerk read a letter from Pres. D. John of the Utah Stake addressed to Bp. [William B.] Preston, in which he reported that Bp. Hugh Clayton of the Provo 2nd [6th] Ward, and who was also supt. of the Provo Woolen Mills, could not attend to the duties of both offices. He understood, he said, that it would be very difficult to fill his place as supt. of the mills but his place as bishop could be filled. If it were thought wise by the Presidency to release him as bishop, he would suggest the name of Brother [Ralph] Poulton, his 1st counselor, as his successor. The matter was fully discussed and it was thought that the circumstances would justify the release of said brother as bishop that he might be retained as supt. of the mills, a home manufacturing institution. Action to that effect was taken. The discussion brought out the information that few of our Utah boys were fitting themselves to take charge and superintend our leading manufacturing industries, and as a result skilled labor[er]s [were] being imported from abroad. Pres. Smith thought that this condition furnished a good text for the coming general conference.

### *Reports*

Elder Jno. H. Smith said that he attended the monthly priesthood meeting at Provo last Saturday. Attendance small, but good spirit prevailed. Talked upon the subjects of prayer and tithing. In the afternoon Engineer [Abraham F.] Doremus and himself attended a meeting called to consider the subject of reservoiring Utah Lake. Spoke to the brethren of the council in relation to the national irrigation law as applied to Utah. On Sunday Pres. Lund and himself attended meeting at Sandy, and Pres. Lund was mouth in dedicating the completed meeting house, the dimensions of which were 41 x 70 ft. The Bishop [William D. Kuhre] of Sandy said he is the baby that was found on the mother's breast, who was killed by the Indians many years ago.

Elder Geo. Teasdale reported that he attended stake Relief Society at Nephi last Sunday. Elder Jno. W. Taylor gave a brief account of his recent trip to Mexico. While absent, attended the funeral of Elder A. F. McDonald.

Elder M. F. Cowley said that he attended meeting in the Whitney Ward, Oneida Stake, last Sunday. Speaking of his recent

trip south, said that he dedicated the new Kanarra Ward meeting house, Panguitch [Parowan] Stake. Elder Abraham O. Woodruff attended temple fast meeting on Sunday morning and fast meeting, Farmers Ward, in the afternoon.

Elder Rudger Clawson reported his attendance at the temple fast meeting Sunday. Said that a splendid spirit prevailed. A number of the brethren and sisters bore testimony, and Pres. Smith spoke interestingly and feelingly upon the subject of integrity among the saints. In the evening attended a conjoint meeting in the 18th Ward chapel and listened to an entertaining lecture by Pres. Benj. Cluff on the South American Expedition.

Elder Reed Smoot said that while absent from home he always thought of his brethren. There is quite a little colony of Latter-day Saints at Washington, and a good spirit prevailed in their meetings. In New York there are eight, bright, active elders at work. Three of the sectarian ministers from Utah are opposing the work in N.Y. and as a result of a call by them upon Mayor Seth Low our elders were forbidden to preach on the streets there. Elder Clarence Snow, son of Erastus Snow, who is in Washington, says that he has no testimony of the truth, and is much worried over the matter. There was a good feeling in Washington towards me, he said, when the charge of polygamy was brought forward. The press manifested a spirit of fairness. The correspondent of the *N.Y. Journal* came to Washington to interview me. He asked if I were a polygamist child, expecting no doubt that I would deny it. I replied, Of course I am and I am proud of it. This answer seemed to strike him with stunning force. A good impression was made and at the close of the interview he said, I will give a satisfactory [report] of this occasion, and he did. A big effort is being made to disfranchise our people. The late Pres. Geo. Q. Cannon made us many friends in congress. Senators [Henry M.] Teller, [Joseph G.] Cannon, and others are true to the Mormon people. Many of them are very friendly. A number of the senators simply wanted to know if I were a polygamist, and when I affirmed that I was not, they said that they were satisfied and would stand by me. The coming question will not be polygamy, for they want to prove that all who go through the temple are disloyal to the government. When I called to see President [Theodore] Roosevelt, he came across a crowded room to shake hands with me. Received me



warmly and bade me welcome to Washington. Said that he wanted to explain that unfortunate affair of Senator [Thomas] Kearns. I cannot tell you just what the president said to me for that would be contrary to the generally accepted code of honor regarding interviews with the president of the United States, but it was a shameful affair. Utah, Idaho, and Wyoming will play an important part in the next presidential election.

Elder Hyrum M. Smith attended the temple fast meeting last Sunday, as also did the Patriarch. The latter attended a M.I.A. meeting the evening.

Pres. Lund reported that the Sandy meeting house had cost \$12,000. Pres. Winder said that he attended the temple fast meeting in the morning and Farmers Ward fast meeting in the afternoon of Sunday. Pres. Smith also attended said fast meeting and spoke at the 2nd Ward house in the evening.

The reports were received and the labors of the brethren approved. Benediction by Elder Merrill.

The tables were then spread with bread and wine and the sacrament administered, Elder Jno. W. Taylor being mouth in offering the sacramental blessing. As usual it proved to be a very enjoyable occasion.

During the conversation Elder Smoot remarked that Willard Young was thought a great deal of in the army and throughout the country. His chances for appointment on the Panama Canal Commission are fairly good. The Pacific coast is making a strong pull for the place. The appointment means \$10,000 a year for a long time to come and great influence in directing the work. Benediction by Elder Woodruff.

Continuation of the conference of the Twelve. Elder Reed Smoot was given an opportunity to express his feelings. Said that he did not know how he would like to live in Washington, but didn't think it would be agreeable to him. For one thing he was not a society man, and had little desire to mingle with the people there in that connection. The condition prevailing in society is deplorable. The great question is, how much money have you to spend for jewelry and style? Desired himself to set a good example and bear a faithful testimony of the truth of the gospel. Said that he always had in mind Zion and her people. Her interests are my interests; whatever hurts Zion, hurts me. Desired to be in harmony



with the Presidency and his brethren. If it were thought advisable for him to resign from the senate, he would not hesitate a moment. Felt that the Lord had directed his movements in Washington. I love my brethren. I have not corresponded with Elder[s] Lyman and Grant as I should have done, but the neglect was due to press of business. Hope to rectify this error. Happy to get home. God bless you all and the Church of Christ.

Elder Jno. H. Smith said that we must shape our affairs to attend these quarterly meetings. These are the only gatherings which the Twelve can claim as strictly their own. Said that he felt to lay it as an obligation on every man of the quorum that his duty requires him here unless taken away by the Presidency. Unless this is done, we cannot accomplish the purpose had in view by President Snow in inaugurating these meetings. We must be united, for our voice is a potent voice in the church.

Elder Teasdale said that he thought Elders Lyman and Grant should be asked to report themselves by letter to these quarterly meetings. This suggestion met the approval of the brethren. Elder Hy. M. Smith moved that the secretary be instructed to send a formal notice to each member of the quorum of these quarterly conferences.

Adjourned until June 30, 1903. Benediction by Elder Cowley.

In the meeting of the Presidency and Twelve today, in behalf of the church auditing committee, I submitted the following report from the Presiding Bishop showing the receipts and disbursements of tithes for the year 1902. Also, a report from the books of the trustee-in-trust incorporating the final results as shown by the Presiding Bishop's report and a statement of the silent assets of the church. (This report should have been included in the foregoing minutes.)

Presiding Bishop's Office,  
March 1st, 1903

**GENERAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
OF TITHES FOR THE YEAR 1902**

**RECEIPTS**

Tithes on hand, Jan. 1, 1902

574

P.B.O.

36,805.09

Stakes	355,554.70	
Missions	12,787.70	405,147.49
Tithes received:		
Stakes	1,363,544.66	
Missions	57,506.53	1,421,051.19
Profits in handling, P.B.O.		424.00
Receipts from other sources		
P.B.O.	1,013.09	
Stakes	3,588.50	
Missions	12,082.18	16,683.77
Total receipts		1,843,306.45

DISBURSEMENTS

Losses		
P.B.O.	16,871.52	
Stakes	25,177.50	42,049.02
Bishops' percentage		
P.B.O.	7,928.00	
Stakes	123,148.41	131,076.41
Improvements		
P.B.O.	114.60	
Stakes	40,169.23	40,283.83
General expenses		
P.B.O.	7,917.92	[7918.16]
Stakes	14,138.00	
Missions	106.00	22,162.16
Mission Maintenance		23,077.88
Paid trustee-in-trust		
Cash	902,631.86	
Orders	285,528.63	1,188,160.49
Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1902:		
P.B.O.	46,475.88	
Stakes	339,804.00	
Missions	10,216.78	396,496.66
Total		1,843,306.45

Audited Mch. 27, 1902, and submitted April 2, 1903.

(Signed) Rudger Clawson,  
 Reed Smoot,  
 Auditing Committee.

## GENERAL REPORT

SURPLUS

Net surplus at the office of trust-in-trust	2,001,659.21
Tithes on hand in stakes of Zion, Jan. 1, 1903	396,496.66
Total	2,398,155.87

SILENT ASSETS OF THE CHURCH

Real estate:		
Coal lands &c.	180,914.78	
Tithing properties in stakes	325,891.12	506,805.90
B. Y. Academy, Provo, loan		109,262.41
Josepa Agricultural Co., owe on acct.		50,000.00
Total		666,068.31

RECAPITULATION

Surplus and tithes on hand, Jan. 1, 1903	2,398,155.87
Silent assets of the church	666,068.31
Total	3,064,224.18

Submitted,  
(signed) Rudger Clawson,  
Reed Smoot.

Data taken from Presiding Bishop's general reports.

Net increase in tithing in 1902 over 1901	10,662.34
Net increase of cash tithing in 1902 over 1901	31,733.03

Total tithing paid in stakes 1,363,544.66; of this amount \$1,049,541.73 was forwarded to the Presiding Bishop's office, and \$342,721 was disbursed locally. Total loss in handling tithes was 2.1%. Amt. paid to bishops for handling tithes was \$123,148.41 or 9% of the total tithing received. The trustee-in-trust received 99.1[%] of the cash tithing of 1902. All the local expenses in the Stakes were paid or could have been paid from the profits in exchanges. Amount paid to the worthy poor—\$95,713.92; of this amount the trustee-in-trust paid 36%, the fast offerings covered 40%, and Relief Society and sundry offerings covered 24%.

576      Number of tithe-payers in the church in 1901 were    74,625

Number of tithe-payers in the church in 1902 were	74,764
Net increase	139
Number of non-tithe-payers in 1901	10,859
Number of non-tithe-payers in 1902	12,412
Increase	1,553

Number of non-tithe-payers, showing priesthood: 243 high priests; 656 seventies; 3396 elders; 584 priests; 600 teachers; 1966 deacons; 7445 total priesthood; 4967 members; 12,412 total.

Brother Clawson explained that if the foregoing Presiding Bishop's report were approved, it would be copied into the trustee-in-trust's record of assets and liabilities of the church, and the net results, namely, the tithes on hand, Jan. 1, 1903, would be carried into the trustee-in-trust's general ledger. The said ledger would then show the exact financial status of the church with the exception of the *Deseret News* business, which the committee would report upon at an early day. Upon motion of Elder Jno. H. Smith the report was received, approved, and placed on file.

A copy of the foregoing minutes were sent to Elders Francis M. Lyman and Heber J. Grant. The figures as shown by the Presiding Bishop's report and the general report of the auditing committee were left out as I felt it would be unsafe to trust them to the mails.

### Tuesday, 7 April 1903

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 10 a.m. Meeting of the First Presidency, the Twelve, First Seven Presidents of Seventies, Patriarch, Presiding Bishopric, presidencies of stakes, high councillors, bishopric[s] of wards, and others. Meeting called to order by Pres. Smith.

Pres. Smith was the first speaker and said in substance that those present were the highest type of faithful membership in the church—exemplary men. We look upon these men as being the soul of honor and integrity in the widest and broadest sense. There ought not to be a man present who would not rather sacrifice his life than betray the church and kingdom of God. I am here to protect you and I would be willing to lay down my life to protect your liberty. We should all feel that way. The Lord God Almighty's eye is upon those who are assembled here and he looks upon you

as his leaders. It is in your power to entertain the children of men in fellowship or cut them off the church and turn them over to the buffetings of Satan. You ought to be humble, truthful, honest, and upright. What is said in these meetings should be kept sacred and not be talked about on the outside. It is almost impossible to keep the covenants of the temple sacred in the hearts of the people. No bishop holding church property in his name has a right to dispose of it without the consent of the Presidency of the church. There is but one head in the church and all sub-heads must be amenable to that head. The knitted garment, as approved by the Presidency, is acceptable at the temple. All knitted garments should bear the approved label. No color but white can be used in a garment of the priesthood. A question was asked as to the propriety of burying a suicide in his temple clothing. Answer: it depends upon circumstances. If his life was taken through wickedness, no; if through insanity, yes. Action in cases of this kind is not governed by precedent but by circumstances. It is not the duty or right of bishops to give recommends for second blessings. This privilege belongs exclusively to presidents of stakes with the endorsement of the President of the church. Presidents of missions should not recommend people of their missions to the temple, and bishops should not receive people from the mission field into their wards without a letter of standing. Students going to school in the east and west should take a recommend of standing and join the nearest mission, and when they return home they should bring a recommend back with them.

Pres. Winder gave some instructions in regard to the temple. Also said that a woman who lives and cohabits with a gentile husband cannot be received into the temple. People who come to the house of the Lord should be clean in their persons.

Pres. Smith further said that no assistance would be extended to bishops for building meeting houses, or other improvements, without the endorsement of the president of the stake. Cases of adultery should be investigated and decided by the bishopric of wards and stake high councils and should not be sent up, originally, to the First Presidency.

Pres. Lund said that the saints should be instructed that it is not right to move from place to place without counsel. Tobacco users should not be recommended to the temple, but cases might

arise where a little leniency should be shown in regard to this matter.

#### Thursday, 9 April 1903

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. 10:20 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Hyrum M. Smith, Jno. Smith, patriarch, and the clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "Come, All Ye Sons of God." Pres. Lund opened, and Pres. Winder was mouth at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "Let Those Who Would Be Saints Indeed."

There was some informal talk as to the pressing need of a Latter-day Saint hospital in Salt Lake. Elder Jno. H. Smith remarked that there were as many as eight and ten Mormon patients at the Holy Cross Hospital nearly all the time, and you could find from five to seven at the St. Mark's Hospital. The talk naturally drifted to the question as to where, if desired, we could locate a hospital. While discussing this point it was conceded that the church had missed it sadly by not purchasing the old university grounds, or 16th Ward square, for \$100,000, and the old fair grounds, or 10th Ward square, for \$22,000. Minutes of Apr. 2, 1903, were read and approved.

Pres. [Thomas E.] Bassett of the Fremont Stake wrote, saying that Bp. Geo. A. Pincock of Wilford had resigned on account of living some three miles distant from central part of ward. The resignation had been accepted and he now recommended Saml. W. Orme as his successor. Recommendation approved. Pres. Smith reported that he and Pres. Lund had ordained Nathan William Tanner, bishop of the Aetna Ward, Alberta Stake.

The clerk read a letter from Elder Heber J. Grant, dated Mch. 19, 1903, regarding the Japanese Mission. He said that a tract had been prepared for use in Japan by himself and fellow missionaries, a copy of which was enclosed and read to the council. There was also enclosed an extract from the book written by Takahashi Goro and translated by Alma Taylor, which the clerk read. The said communications were of an extremely interesting character. It was thought that the tract covered the ground nicely and would be productive of good.

Pres. Smith explained that the Oregon Short Line Ry. Co. was acquiring property in the vicinity of the 15th Ward meeting house by purchase and condemnation proceedings. The question, therefore, of selling the property to the Short Line was not exactly a matter of choice, but of compulsion and would doubtless realize some \$35,000 to the ward. The real question now to be decided was as to the wisdom of continuing the 15th Ward in its present form, with the railroad cutting through the center, or of dividing it by the railroad and attaching the east portion to the 14th Ward and the west portion to the 24th Ward, changing the name of the latter ward to that of the 15th. After some discussion it was decided, upon motion of Elder Clawson, to divide said ward as suggested. This change, of course, of necessity wipes out the present bishopric of the 15th Ward, namely Bishop [Joseph R.] Morgan, Nephi L. Morris, and Rodney Badger.

Clarence Jackson, a crippled brother, who has been working for years in the St. George Temple, wrote asking the brethren to assist him in getting a home, which could be purchased for \$400, though much more valuable than that figure. Upon motion of Pres. Winder it was decided that the trustee-in-trust should purchase the home and allow said brother and his family to occupy it rent free.

Elder Woodruff said that he called on Pres. Young night before last and learned that he had had a bad day. Yesterday was also a bad day for him.

Conference appointments: Emery, Elder Clawson; Utah, Elder Smoot and Pres. Smith; Beaver, Elder Cowley. Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Elder Hy. M. Smith.

#### **Sunday, 12 April 1903**

Price, Utah. Clear and cold. 8:30 a.m. Meeting of the high council at Pres. [Reuben G.] Miller's, Pres. Miller presiding. A resolution in regard to the liquor traffic was passed. The resolution provided that members of the church engaged in the saloon business and all who patronized saloons were to be handled on their fellowship, if they did not repent. A resolution to support the Mammoth Reservoir scheme and canal was also passed. By this enterprise it was shown that 10,000 acres of land would be brought under cultivation and reclaimed.

10:10 a.m. We were a little late in coming into the Sunday School session of the [Emery Stake] Conference, the opening exercises having been concluded. Rudger Clawson. Topics treated. Punctuality. Rulon S. Wells. Topics treated. Profanity. The taking of the name of God in vain.

2 p.m. Continuation of conference, Pres. Miller presiding. Pres. Miller made a brief report, showing that matters were in pretty fair shape in the Emery Stake. Rulon S. Wells. Topics treated. Repentance. R. Clawson. Topics. All blessings received by the Latter-day Saints predicated upon law.

#### Thursday, 16 April 1903

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and mild. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, Anthon H. Lund, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Jno. W. Taylor, Marriner W. Merrill, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hy. M. Smith, Jno. Smith, patriarch, and the clerk.

There was some informal talk in relation to the financial affairs of Brother Brigham, and it developed that while two of his wives—those raising young children—were fairly well fixed, the others had little or nothing.

The brethren clothed and sang, “An Angel Came Down From the Mansions of Glory.” The Patriarch opened, and Elder Clawson was mouth at the altar. Song, “Come, All Ye Sons of Zion.” Minutes of April 9 were read and approved.

The clerk read a letter from Elder Francis M. Lyman, dated April 1, 1903, and enclosing a letter from Elder Hugh J. Cannon, regarding the banishment of our elders from Germany. The communication was of an interesting character and elicited considerable discussion. Pres. Smith felt that something should be done, if possible, to help our elders in Germany. The liberty of our brethren in that country, as American citizens, should be demanded of the government, not as a religious right, but as a right belonging to all Americans. It was moved and carried that the matter be referred to a committee of three of the Twelve, with the church attorneys associated, to get up a remonstrance addressed to the Secretary of State, Jno. Hay, asking for relief from imprisonment and persecution of our elders in Germany. Pres. Smith



named Elders Jno. H. Smith, Rudger Clawson, and Reed Smoot as said committee.

Stake conference appointments: Weber, Elders Geo. Teasdale and M. F. Cowley; Boise Mission, Elder A. O. Woodruff; domestic conference, Beaver branch of the B. Y. A[cademy], Rudger Clawson; the reorganization of Timpanogos Ward and 6th Ward, Provo, Utah Stake, Reed Smoot.

### *Reports*

Elder Jno. H. Smith said that on Sunday morning [he] met with Presidents Smith and Lund and Elders Hy. M. Smith and A. O. Woodruff at the residence of the late Pres. Brigham Young to make arrangements for the funeral. In the afternoon attended the funeral of Sep[timus] W. Sears. On Monday, in company with Presidents Smith and Lund, went to Idaho to assist in laying the cornerstone of the new sugar factory. The building will be about 300 feet long. There were fully 3000 enthusiastic people present. On Wednesday attended the funeral of Brother Brigham at the Tabernacle, the President and all the members of the quorum of the Twelve present today being in attendance. Said that while Brother Brigham had his faults, this characteristic shown out through his life work, namely, the principle of integrity.

Elder Teasdale said that he attended a prayer circle meeting and afternoon service at Nephi last Sunday. On Tuesday assisted in setting apart some 40 missionaries.

Jno. W. Taylor reported that he attended the funeral of Sister Nellie R. Smith, Davis Stake, on Sunday. Elder Merrill attended a special meeting at home to consider business relating to the wards in north end of Cache Valley.

Elder Cowley said that he attended the stake conference at Beaver last Saturday and Sunday. Attendance large. Some very good people there, but nevertheless there is a kind of a spirit of coldness among them. He ordained Marcus L. Shepherd, a patriarch. At Milford a new meeting house is in course of erection. Beaver has an excellent choir.

Elder Woodruff attended a young people's conjoint meeting in the Wilford Ward, Granite Stake, last Sunday. Elder Clawson reported the Emery Stake Conference held at Price. Large attendance. Topics treated during the conference: saloon evil, non-tithe-payers, marriage, and Mammoth Reservoir and Canal.

Elder Smoot said that he attended the Utah Stake Conference at Provo Sat. and Sunday. It was very enjoyable in every respect. Elder Hy. M. Smith was busily engaged in committee work for the funeral Sunday a.m. and in the evening attended meeting at the 16th Ward house. Pres. Winder attended the funeral service of S. W. Sears on Sunday afternoon. The Patriarch was at home last Sunday. Attended the funeral of Pres. Young on Wednesday.

Reports were approved by unanimous vote.

The clerk read a letter from the presidency of the Salt Lake Stake, in which they recommended the dividing of the 15th Ward, as talked of at the last meeting of the council, by taking part of it to the 14th Ward and the other part to the 24th Ward. The recommendation was adopted. This action, of course, wipes out the 15th ward, which, in view of the fact that the time must soon come when it will be necessary to make a rearrangement of the wards in Salt Lake City, was thought to be proper.

Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Elder Woodruff.

#### **Wednesday, 22 April 1903**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. I attended the usual meetings today, namely, the executive committee of the Utah Light and Power Co. at 10 a.m., the religion class board at 3:30 p.m., and the general board of the Y.M.M.I.A. at 5 p.m. At 1 p.m. I took Sister Clawson out for a ride. Feeling the need of some exercise, I am devoting about 15 minutes each morning to physical culture in the shape of gymnastics. I began about April 6, 1902 [1903].

#### **Thursday, 23 April 1903**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Anthon H. Lund, and Jno. R. Winder, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Jno. W. Taylor, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hy. M. Smith, Jno. Smith, pat., and the clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "This Morning in Silence I Ponder and Mourn." Elder Teasdale opened, and Pres. Smith was mouth at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "Let Us Pray, Gladly Pray."

The clerk read a letter from Pres. Wm. Parkinson of the Hyrum Stake, in which he stated that Bishop Jno. H. Anderson of

Mendon had been honorably released on account of poor health and he now recommended Delbert M. Bird to succeed him. The only objection he had to Brother Bird was his lack of leadership, but he was the best material at hand. The brethren thought the objection a very serious one and referred the matter to the brethren who should go to the conference in Cache next Sunday for investigation.

The presidency of the Bannock Stake wrote, saying that Bishop Judson A. Tolman of Chesterfield had been honorably released and that Jno. Balfour, Jr., was recommended to succeed him; also Jos. T. Pond recommended as a high councillor. Recommendations approved.

A letter from David H. Cannon, president St. George Temple, and addressed to President Smith, was read. He said that they were short of help in ordinance work and recommended that Wm. Gardner of Pine Valley be called to labor in the temple as a missionary. This letter precipitated a discussion in relation to the temple, namely, as to whether it would not be a good policy to close said temple for three or four months during the summer, in view of the very light attendance. It was learned that on many days the companies were limited to some seven or eight people, or, in others words, that they were no larger than that number. Elder Clawson moved the St. George Temple be closed until after the October conference next. Seconded and carried.

The committee on petition of redress for our German elders submitted the document which had been drafted by the attorneys. The only criticism offered was that the application for redress was based upon the fact that said elders were peaceable, law-abiding men, who were engaged in preaching the gospel, rather than the fact that they were American citizens and as such should receive full protection. The petition was referred back to the committee, with instructions to have it remodeled, omitting allusion to the church as far as possible.

Conference appointments: Cache, Elders Cowley and Woodruff; Alpine, Elder Teasdale; Fremont, Hyrum M. Smith; Bannock, Elder Clawson. Conference appointments for a week from next Sunday: Woodruff, Elder Woodruff; Wayne, Elder Clawson.

### *Reports*

J. Johnson on Sunday. Elder Teasdale said that he and Elder Cowley attended the Weber Stake Conference Sunday last. The attendance was crowded. The reports were condensed and written and proved to be quite satisfactory. At the conjoint meeting of the young people, Elder B. H. Roberts lectured. There was an overflow meeting on Sunday. Elder Taylor attended Sunday School at Woods Cross Sunday morning and M.I.A. conference at Centerville in afternoon.

Elder Woodruff visited Boise on Sunday. At the Sunday School there were about 100 present and good order prevailed; at 2 p.m. about 250 present. Elder Geo. D. Pyper sang. Made a change in the supy. of the Sunday School and put in Samuel E. Peterson to preside. Brother Woodruff said that he talked with the Governor [John T. Morrison] of Idaho in regard to the Payette Valley colonization scheme, and the governor did not seem to be very favorable to our people in this matter. Visited the Boise penitentiary and found some of our church works in the hands of the inmates. Assisted in laying the cornerstone of the new meeting house in Pocatello on Tuesday. The building, he said, would cost \$13,000.

Elder Clawson reported the domestic conference of the B. Y. Academy branch at Beaver. The meetings were attended by about 185 students, the faculty, and a number of the saints from Beaver City. A good spirit prevailed, the reports being quite satisfactory. The attendance at the school during the past year has been 240, distributed approximately as follows: from Millard Stake, 20; from Parowan, 40; [from] St. George, 14; from Kanab, 6; from Panguitch, 55; from Beaver, 97; scattering, 8; total, 240. In the theological departments the following studies were taken up: the life of Christ, church history, Book of Mormon, and missionary subjects. A splendid work is being done in the Sunday School, M.I.A., and religion class courses, and many of the young people when they leave the academy will be prepared to take positions of importance in the auxiliary organizations of the church. The baneful influence exerted by the soldiery while stationed at the fort and the many evils resulting therefrom are fast being overcome by the wholesome spirit and teachings of the academy.

Elder Smoot said that he assisted in the reorganization of the Timpanogos Ward, Utah Stake. Elder O. L. Terry was called to succeed Bp. [Peter M.] Wentz and received his ordination under

the hands of Elder Smoot, as also did Ralph Poulton, who was appointed to succeed Hugh Clayton, bishop of Provo 6th Ward.

Elder Hy. M. Smith attended meeting in the Salt Lake City 3rd Ward last Sunday. The Patriarch attended meeting at the tabernacle. Pres. Lund said that he attended Scandinavian meeting in the morning and the 17th Ward meeting in the evening. Pres. Winder attended meeting in the Wilford Ward on Sunday afternoon.

Pres. Smith reported that on Tuesday he visited Logan. While there the question of selling the Hyde Park tithing property, which had become quite valuable, arose. He said that the matter must be determined by the presidency of the stake, high council, and bishopric. A strong appeal was made by the bishopric of the Logan First Ward, who had been for years meeting by permission in the basement of the tabernacle, and who now desired the privilege of purchasing a corner lot of the tabernacle square, that they might have a place to erect a new meeting house. Pres. Smith referred them, he said, to the presidency of the stake, high council, and all the bishops of Logan for a decision in the matter.

It developed during the conversation regarding the tabernacle square, that there is a strong sentiment in Logan favoring the sale of a strip of the square along Main Street for business purposes. It became the sense of the council by vote that we do not favor the cutting up of our public and church squares, but should use our influence to keep them intact.

Elder Smoot reported that Mrs. Phebe Cousins, a somewhat notable woman, was stranded in Washington and needed help. She had at one time in the midst of our persecutions lifted her voice in defense of the saints and now looked to them for assistance. Pres. Smith remarked that we could not consistently take up matters of this kind. He had no objection, he said, for men who were well-to-do, such as Elder Smoot and others, doing something for her.

Upon motion of Elder Woodruff, Elder Jos. McMurrin was released from his missionary appointment at Boise, where he has been in general charge of the work there. Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Elder Taylor.

**Sunday, 26 April 1903**

Conference, Pres. L. S. Pond presiding. Pres. L. S. Pond was the first speaker. Topics treated. The presidency of the stake united, and a good work being done by the organizations, with the exception of the religion class. Responsibility of the priesthood not appreciated by many of the brethren. Said that the presiding authorities were much hampered for suitable material for bishops and presidents of organizations.

R. Clawson. Topics treated. The evil of people moving their homes from one location to another without counsel. People should be content to labor where the Lord calls them, and when a change comes, not to feel that the president of the stake, or the bishop, has their knife in them, or desires to injure them.

#### **Monday-Tuesday, 27-28 April 1903**

Chesterfield, Idaho. Cloudy and cold. 10 a.m. Continuation of conference, President L. S. Pond presiding. I stated that it had been decided to make a change in the bishopric of the Chesterfield Ward and that Bishop Judson A. Tolman was now called to be an alternate high councillor of the Bannock Stake. Bishop Tolman had been faithful and was, therefore, worthy of this promotion. President Pond made brief remarks in regard to the faithfulness of Bishop Tolman.

John Balfour was then sustained as bishop of the Chesterfield Ward, with R. V. Call as his first counselor. Brother J. B[alfour] was then ordained a high priest and a bishop and was set apart to preside over the Chesterfield Ward, myself being mouth. I then made remarks on the duties of a bishop, also upon the different degrees of authority in the order of the priesthood, and the mysteries of the kingdom. Prest. Chas. Kelly followed and dwelt upon the importance of showing kindness to the dumb brute creation.

1 p.m. After lunch President Kelly and myself left for Bancroft, driving Prest. Pond's team and buggy. About four miles from Chesterfield we came to a fork in the road—the road to the right led around the head of a large reservoir, the one to the left led over the hill and across the reservoir. Unfortunately, we went to the left, following the new-made track of some conveyance that had preceded us. Reaching the water's edge, we observed that the track had disappeared but was visible again on the opposite bank.

This led to the belief that we were on the line of a good ford. We entered the water, which immediately rose to the hubs of our buggy, and thus we proceeded two thirds of the way across, when suddenly the animals went plunging into deep water, which filled the buggy to overflowing and reached the seat upon which we were sitting. The sensation that followed was decidedly chilly. After swimming about twenty feet, the horses found sure footing and drew us safely to shore. There we were in a sorry plight with the water dripping from our clothes and gushing from every nook and corner of the conveyance. Bro. Kelly at this point suggested that we look after our traps, when much to our surprise we found that they had vanished. Looking back with some anxiety, I saw floating upon the water my valise, which contained a new suit of clothes, typewritten notes for my journal, nightshirt, brushes, and etc., etc., and also my typewriter, which was floating upon the water. Brother Kelly's valise and contents, valued at ten dollars, had gone to the bottom to rise no more. I was fortunate in securing my things, but found them soaked through and through and heavy enough to weigh down the stoutest heart. We pursued our journey to Bancroft, sitting upon a wet seat in wet clothing and facing a cold wind, a distance of six miles, arriving at 2:45 p.m. At 3:45 p.m. we took train for Pocatello, still traveling of necessity in our wet clothes. We laid over at the latter point until 2:40 Tuesday morning when we took train for Salt Lake, arriving at 10 a.m. Bro. Kelly dropped off at Brigham City. My clothes went to the tailor's to be pressed, and my typewriter went to the agents to be renovated and oiled. The whole thing summed up amounts to this: that Bro. Kelly had ten dollars, and I had two dollars, worth of experience from this unhappy incident, and both of us very narrowly escaped a more serious mishap.

#### Thursday, 30 April 1903

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Pres. Jno. R. Winder, and Elders Geo. Teasdale, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Hyrum M. Smith, the Patriarch [John Smith], and clerk. Presidents Jos. F. Smith and Anthon H. Lund and Elders Jno. H. Smith and Reed Smoot were absent on a trip to St. Louis. The brethren clothed and sang, "Glory to God on High." Elder Hy. M. Smith opened, and Elder Woodruff was



mouth at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "Be It My Only Wisdom Here." The minutes of April 16 and 23 were read and approved.

The clerk read a letter from Pres. [William H.] Smart of the Wasatch Stake, in which he strongly recommended that the Daniels and Bysville Wards be amalgamated. The two wards are adjacent, the first having a total church population of 110 souls and the second, 168 souls—grand total 278. Upon motion the recommendation was approved.

Stake conferences: Wayne, Elder Clawson; Woodruff, Elder Woodruff; Oneida, Elder Teasdale; Jordan, Elder Hy. M. Smith; San Juan, Elder Cowley.

### *Reports*

Elder Teasdale said that he visited the Fremont Stake on Sat. and Sunday. Conference was held at Rexburg. Besides the regular meetings, which were crowded, held a priesthood meeting Saturday evening and Sunday School Union Sunday after regular session. The reports were quite satisfactory. Regretted to report that Pres. [Thomas E.] Bassett lost his home and most of the contents by fire.

Elder Woodruff reported his attendance at the Cache Stake Conference. Elders Merrill and Cowley were also present. Enjoyed the spirit of the conference. Elder Cowley visited Mendon and effected the reorganization of the bishopric of that ward, ordaining Elder [Mormon D.] Bird to the office of bishop.

Elder Clawson said that he attended the Bannock Stake Conference at Chesterfield in company with Pres. Chas. Kelly of Box Elder Stake. The meetings were well attended. Bishop Judson A. Tolman was honorably released from the bishopric and set apart as an alternate high councillor, as also was Jas. Hurd. Jno. Balfour was sustained as bishop of Chesterfield with R. V. Call as 1st councillor, and Minnie Lau was sustained as stake president of the Y.L.M.I.A. I was mouth in setting apart and ordaining these brethren and sister. Brother Clawson related his thrilling experience in crossing a reservoir near Chesterfield.

Elder Hy. M. Smith attended the Alpine Stake Conference held at Lehi. The reports were of an interesting character, especially that of the religion class. Said there were 30 classes with 50 teachers and 1300 pupils. He ordained Wm. Clark of Lehi, a



patriarch, and Elias A. Bushman, a high priest and alternate high councillor. Elder Smith handed the clerk a letter from Bp. Thos. R. Cutler of Lehi addressed to Pres. [Stephen L.] Chipman. He said that his duties were becoming so arduous that he felt it would be proper for the president of the stake to consider the propriety of releasing him from the bishopric, although, he said, he was willing to do whatever the brethren thought would be best and wisest. The letter was laid on the table for the present.

Jno. Smith attended ward meeting at home on Sunday night. Pres. Winder attended the afternoon meeting at Mill Creek.

Upon motion the reports were received and the labors of the brethren approved. Meeting adjourned, and the Patriarch offered the benediction.

### Wednesday, 6 May 1903

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. I attended the usual meetings, namely, at 10 a.m. executive committee of the Utah Light and Power Company, at 3:30 p.m. religion class board, and at 5 p.m. general board of the Y.M.M.I.A. At 1:30 p.m. I took Sister Clawson and the children out for a ride.

### Thursday, 7 May 1903

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 10:15 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, Anthon H. Lund, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Jno. W. Taylor, Marriner W. Merrill, Matthias F. Cowley, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hy. M. Smith, Jno. Smith, pat., and the clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "O Give Me Back My Prophet Dear." Elder Cowley opened, and Elder Merrill was mouth at the altar. The brethren disrobed and sang, "Ye Who Are Called to Labor and Minister for God."

Elder Woodruff read a letter [addressed] to himself from F[enimore] Chatterton, sec. of state in Wyoming, and through the death of the governor [DeForest Richards], now himself governor of said state. He intimated that it was his purpose to carry out the policy of the late governor towards the Mormon people. The news was quite agreeable to the brethren. Minutes of April 30th were read and approved.

Stake, in which he recommended the reorganization of the bishopric of the Newton Ward with Martin Rigby as bishop. Upon motion of Elder Clawson the recommendation was approved.

The clerk again read the letter from Bp. Thos. R. Cutler to Pres. [Stephen L.] Chipman, suggesting that he be released from the bishopric on account of his arduous duties. The council took the matter into careful consideration and finally decided that it would be for the best interest of the ward and also the bishop to retain him; it was thought that his frequent absence from the ward could be met by the increased activity of his counselors.

Conference appointments: Wasatch, Elders Clawson and Hy. M. Smith; South San Pete, Elders Cowley and Smoot; Bingham, Elder Woodruff; Cassia, Elder Taylor.

It became the sense of the council that the Twelve should meet every Thursday at 9:45 a.m. and arrange among themselves for the visiting of the various stake conferences, which arrangement should be submitted to the council meeting for confirmation.

The clerk read an invitation from the bishopric of the Draper Ward for the Presidency and Twelve to be present at the dedication of the Draper Ward house a week from next Sunday.

A letter was also read from Pres. Benj. Cluff of the B. Y. Academy, in which he said that the graduating sermon at the B.Y.A. would be delivered May 24, 1903, and that it was desired that Pat. Jno. Smith be invited to deliver said sermon. Also that the graduating exercises would be given on the same date at the Provo Tabernacle. It was expected that Pres. Smith would preside and deliver the opening address, and Elder Jno. H. Smith the closing address. There would also be other speakers.

### *Reports*

Elder Jno. H. Smith said that Pres. Smith, Pres. Lund, Elders Smoot and himself and wives and others visited Independence while East recently. The spot where the printing office stood was pointed out, and they also visited the temple lot; called upon the widow of Jno. E. Page, who expressed a wish that the Mormons would repent of their sins and return to Zion. Attended a Hedrickite meeting and the services of the Reorganized Church. Later met with the elders at Kansas City and addressed them.

Elder Teasdale said that he attended the Oneida Stake Conference Sat. and Sunday last. Apostle Merrill was also present. The

large attendance necessitated an overflow meeting Sunday afternoon. All the organizations reported and seemed to be moving along nicely, except the academy, which had lost its principal by resignation. Conjoint meeting Sunday night under direction of J. G. Kimball. Brother Teasdale held meeting at Franklin.

Elder Taylor reported his visit to Ottawa, Canada, in the interest of the Knight Sugar Factory. In returning spent the Sabbath day in Chicago. Attended Sabbath School, fast meeting, and evening service. Large attendance; one woman applied for baptism; keen interest manifested among the few investigators. There is an average of about one baptism per year to each elder.

Elder Merrill said that the Oneida Stake is in good condition. Said that there was a little division in the Benson Stake respecting ward lines. The counselors to the president of the stake feel that the lines of the Trenton and Lewiston Wards should be readjusted and that these two wards should be divided into three. Pres. [William H.] Lewis does not share in this view. Brother Merrill counseled them to get together and harmonize their views.

Elder Cowley referred to the Mendon bishopric and said that Elder [Mormon D.] Bird had been notified before the matter was finally settled. However, it was conceded by the brethren there that he was by far the best man in the place for the position. He was, therefore, installed, Elder Cowley being mouth in the ordination. He said that last Sat. and Sunday he attended conference of the San Juan Stake held at Mancos. All the wards were represented. It requires 600 miles travel to cover the stake. Pres. [Platte D.] Lyman is doing a pretty good work, notwithstanding there was an odd thing or two that came to his attention. He learned that a presidency of the high priest quorum and also of the elders quorum had never been organized in that stake. This he thought rather strange in view of the fact that both Elders Young and Lyman had visited there a number of times. He effected these organizations, ordaining Wm. Hall, president of the high priest, and Wm. A. Shaffer, president of the elders quorums. He also ordained Wm. M. Black of Fruitland, a patriarch, and Jno. L. Tenny, bishop of Hammond. Learned that the bishop of Moab was \$250 short in his tithing accounts and that the bishop of Fruitland was \$1200 behind.

Pres. Smith instructed Elder Cowley to report these deficiencies to Bp. [William B.] Preston with power to act. Elder Woodruff

attended the Woodruff Stake Conference at Randolph. A new meeting house is in course of erection at Randolph that will cost \$15,000 and is now nearly completed. The bishop [John C. Gray] of that ward is very energetic. All stake officers reported at the conference. Priesthood meeting Saturday night. Elder Jos. W. McMurrin and others visited Diamondville on Sunday and dedicated new meeting house there. Elder Woodruff remained at Randolph.

Elder Clawson said that he attended the Wayne Stake Conference. Weather much cooler there than here with frost nightly. Conference well attended and good spirit prevailed. Said that there was some division growing up between the bishop [William H. Morrell] of Loa and the ward presidencies in regard to amusements. He held a meeting with the presidency of the stake and bishopric of Loa, at which a policy was outlined and accepted by the brethren that would correct the evil. Said that while there one of Pres. [Willis E.] Robison's boys met with an accident. Gibbs, his little 12-year-old son, was riding in a buggy with some other children, when he dropped one of the lines, and in reaching after it fell between the wheels with the result that three of his teeth were knocked out, his face badly scratched, and body bruised. One of the high councillors of Wayne Stake is acting as a counselor to the stake president of the Y.M.M.I.A. This Brother Clawson thought improper and quite inconsistent. While no vote was taken in this matter, the brethren seemed to concur in the view expressed.

Elder Smoot reported the visit of the brethren and their wives to St. Louis to attend the opening exercises of the World's Fair at St. Louis. A private car was placed at the service of Pres. Smith and party, which was much appreciated, and the party was met at St. Louis by Mr. Thos. Myer and Jno. N. Allen, who did everything in their power to make their visit pleasant. Pres. Smith and wife and son were entertained at the Myer home. Tuesday afternoon a week ago, Pres. Smith and party took a drive through the city. On Wednesday visited Myer Drug Co.'s big business house—one of the largest in the country. In the afternoon were driven in a tally-ho to the Glen Echo Country Club, which proved to be a delightful drive. Thursday was the Presidents' Day, being the one hundredth anniversary of the Louisiana purchase, now covering about 14 states. The feature of the day was the big parade. Pres. Smith, Elder

Jno. H. Smith, and Reed Smoot, and wives were honored with a place on the stand with Pres. [Theodore] Roosevelt. President Roosevelt volunteered the information that it was his intention to do what he could for the Mormon missionaries who were suffering persecution in Germany. In the evening the fireworks display was witnessed, which was extremely grand. Friday evening reception given by the World's Fair officers to the diplomatic corps. The Utah party witnessed the civic parade on Saturday from the Myer's residence. At 5 p.m. the Utah party assisted in dedicating the ground for the Utah building. Speeches were made by Elders Jno. H. Smith and Reed Smoot, and Pres. Smith offered the dedicatory prayer.

Elder Hy. M. Smith in company with the Patriarch attended the Jordan Stake Conference. Reports generally good. Pres. Winder attended fast meeting at the temple and fast meet[ing] in Farmers Ward in afternoon.

Reports of the brethren received and labors approved.

Elder Woodruff said that Pres. Frank Y. Taylor, through the death of Brother [James R.] Miller was in need of a counselor. His mind had rested upon three brethren: namely, Geo. M. Cannon, Jno. M. Cannon, and Bishop M. M. Atwood. Pres. Smith did not feel as if Bp. Atwood could be spared from the bishopric. As to the other two brethren, it was a matter for further consideration. He instructed Elder Woodruff to notify Pres. Taylor to call upon the Presidency when they would consult him regarding the matter.

Elder Clawson said that the auditing committee were prepared to make a full report upon the *Deseret News* business, but as the time was far spent, the matter was deferred until next meeting.

Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Elder Clawson.

### Sunday, 10 May 1903

Heber City. Clear and mild. 2 p.m. Continuation of [Wasatch Stake] Conference, Pres. [William H.] Smart presiding. Elder Hy. M. Smith. Topics treated. Good order and attention in our meetings. The close connection between the spiritual and temporal. R. Clawson. Topics. The order of the priesthood. Nominations come from the head. Those who are chosen to preside have the right to select their counselors by and with the approval of their presiding

officer. Blessings received by the Latter-day Saints predicated upon law. Marriage. Closing remarks by Pres. Smart, who gave a resume of the teachings of the conference.

8 p.m. Conjoint meeting of the young people, stake supt. Y.M.M.I.A., Jas. H. Moulton presiding. Supt. Moulton reported the Y.M.M.I.A. of the stake, but his report was not very satisfactory for the reason that he seemed not to be posted. R. Clawson. Topics treated. Character of the M.I.A. work. Self-control. H. M. Smith. Topics. Spoke strongly upon the failure of the stake supt. of the Young Men to make a clear report. Order in the house of worship. Good manners.

### **Tuesday, 12 May 1903**

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. I spent the day at the President's office at my desk.

During the morning, however, Brother Andrew B. Christensen of Gunnison was set apart and blessed as a missionary to England to pursue the study of philosophy of literature in history, under the hands of Geo. Reynolds and myself, I being mouth.

### **Thursday, 14 May 1903**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and mild. 10:20 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Jno. W. Taylor, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hy. M. Smith, the Patriarch [John Smith], and the clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "Though Deepening Trials." Elder Taylor [opened with prayer,] and Elder Jno. H. Smith was mouth at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "In the Sun and Moon and Stars."

Conference appointments: Granite, Elder[s] Woodruff and Clawson; Star Valley, Elder[s] Taylor and Hy. M. Smith; Nebo, Elders Teasdale and Smoot; Snowflake, Elder Cowley.

Pres. Smith called attention to the fact that Dr. Jos. S. Richards was not at all satisfied with the decision in the arbitration between himself and the church, in which he claimed the latter owed him a large sum of money (about \$70,000). The decision was against him. He now asked the First Presidency to grant a rehearing of the matter. Pres. Smith said that the Presidency had prepared a letter

to be sent to Dr. Richards, in which they represented that the case having been heard and closed could not be reopened. The President further said that inasmuch as the Twelve had acted in conjunction with the Presidency in granting an arbitration, the said letter would be submitted for their action, and, if approved, for their signature. The letter was read, approved, and signed by the brethren. Pres. Smith remarked that the Presidency, while not recognizing the doctor's claim but simply to promote good feelings, offered him something like \$7000 a few years ago, hoping that this amount would be accepted and appreciated as full satisfaction in the premises. He replied that he would have the entire claim or none and spurned the tender. Minutes of May 7 were read and approved.

The clerk read a letter from the presidency of the Union Stake, in which they reported the organization of a new ward called Summerville and they submitted the name of Thos. Platt as bishop. They also contemplated, they said, reorganizing the Bramwell Ward and recommended W. J. Orchard for bishop. Recommendations approved.

Prof. Andrew B. Anderson of the B. Y. Academy branch at Beaver wrote, asking that one of the brethren be sent to deliver the baccalaureate sermon at Beaver, May 17th. The brethren of the council being otherwise engaged, it was decided to ask Elder B. H. Roberts to fill said appointment.

Pres. Smith said that Bp. Robt. T. Burton had made a special request that the Presiding Bishopric be authorized to contract at once for the painting of the tabernacle cornice (which in fact had never been painted but only whitewashed) the work to be accomplished before the visit of President [Theodore] Roosevelt. Upon motion of Elder Clawson, the work was authorized.

Elder Jno. H. Smith said that Tuttle and Woolley (Bp. [Marcellus S.] Woolley) were negotiating the sale of some 11,000 acres of good land in Wyoming at \$8.00 per acre; the land is adjacent to Cheyenne, and 1300 acres are under cultivation with 60 miles of fencing, &c. They now offered the tract to the church at above figure. It was decided that the church declines the offer with thanks.

### *Reports*



afternoon and attended 17th Ward meeting in the evening. Elder Teasdale said that he attended a Sunday School Union meeting at American Fork last Sunday.

Elder Taylor attended the Cassia Stake Conference held at Oakley Sat. and Sunday last. Was accompanied by Rulon S. Wells. A good spirit prevailed. There is a little immorality in the stake. Said that the Twin Falls canal now in course of construction will come within ten miles of Oakley and will greatly benefit the country. Visited the stake academy and spoke to the students.

Elder Woodruff reported the Bingham Stake Conference held at Lewisville. Attendance large. The presidency of the stake advocate its division; population about 8000 souls and widely scattered. Some difficulty experienced in raising means for the stake academy at Rexburg. Said that Jas. J. Chandler was set apart as a high councillor, after having been ordained a high priest.

Elder Clawson said that, in company with Brother Hy. M. Smith, he attended the Wasatch Stake Conference held at Heber City. Good attendance and good conference. Brother [William H.] Smart is doing an excellent work. On Sunday afternoon a consolidation of the Daniels and Bysville Wards was effected with Patrick H. McGuire as bishop, who was set apart, himself (R. C[lawson].) being mouth, and Wm. C. Bell, 1st counselor, who was ordained a high priest and set apart by Hy. M. Smith, and Jos. C. McDonald, who was ordained a high priest and set apart by Wm. H. Smart. The naming of the new ward was left in the hands of the stake presidency. On Monday the reorganization of the bishopric of the Wallsburg Ward was effected, with Geo. P. Garf as bishop, who was ordained a high priest and bishop and set apart to preside over said ward, Brother Clawson [being] mouth, and Wm. A. Nuttall, as 1st counselor, who was ordained a high priest and set apart to said office by Elder Hy. M. Smith.

Elder Smoot said that he failed to fill his appointment to the South San Pete Stake on account of sickness at home. His wife, he said, was quite sick; she is now a little improved. He attended meeting in Provo.

The Patriarch attended meeting at the tabernacle last Sunday and ward meeting in the evening. Pres. Lund attended the 18th Ward Sunday School in the morning and the funeral of Lamoni Holbrook, counselor in the bishopric, in Bountiful in the after-



noon. Pres. Winder, not feeling well, remained at home last Sunday.

Elder Clawson, for and in behalf of the auditing committee, gave a full and complete report of the *Deseret News* business, as furnished by the manager, H. G. Whitney, and later audited by the committee, who had carefully gone through the assets and cut them down to a cash basis. In order to do this, it was necessary to take \$25,410.83 of the \$50,166.67 surplus accumulated by the business during the management of H. G. Whitney. The following is a brief summary of the report. The volume of business transacted during the year 1902—\$296,891.03; net gain for the year 1902, carried to the undivided profits—\$21,192.85.

STATEMENT OF [DESERET NEWS] ASSETS AND LIABILITIES,

JAN. 1, 1903

ASSETS

Book accounts	33,041.02
Due from subscribers	5,666.63
Bills receivable	10,560.93
Cash and due bills	3,555.05
Newspaper plant, valued at	19,316.80
Paper, ink, and supplies, valued at	4,606.19
Job, bindery, and press room	
plant	19,525.16
Less dis'ct fixed by aud. com.	2,079.24
Material and work in hand	21,425.63
Less dis'ct fixed by aud. com.	1,994.71
Old Home Editions, Contributors,	
Deseret Weeklies	15,434.59
Less dis'ct fixed by aud. com.	6,605.29
Book dept., accounts outstanding	12,730.46
Book Dept., mdse. as per	
inventory	72,483.72
Less dis'ct fixed by aud. com.	14,731.59
Total assets (at cash valuation)	\$192,935.35

LIABILITIES

Capital plant	154,907.90
Scrip advanced by T. in T.	3,398.25
	158,306.15

Sundry accts. due at <i>News</i> office	5,744.38
Sundry accts. due at bookstore	4,128.98
Surplus	24,755.84
Total liabilities	\$192,935.35

The above report clearly showed, said Brother Clawson, that the *Deseret News* business is worth to the church today the sum of \$183,061.99 in cash.

The auditing committee also submitted the following items of data relative to the *Deseret News* business. Prior to the change of management, namely, Jan. 1, 1899, when H. G. Whitney took charge, the *News* had been running behind for years. Pres. Lorenzo Snow assumed the old debts for back wages, machinery, &c., amounting to \$108,960.66, which was subsequently paid in cash. In four years, under the new management, about one-half of the foregoing amount—namely, \$50,166.67—was accumulated as a surplus (part of which, namely, \$25,410.83, has since been applied by the auditing committee as a discount on the asset valuation of the *News* and bookstore plant and stock of goods). When the change of management occurred, Jan. 1, 1899, it was estimated that it would require 1200 per month to keep things even. The new management not only did not draw said amount from the church as per arrangement with the trust[ee]-in-trust, but held its own ever since and accumulated the surplus above referred to, besides making the changes, improvements, and additions in the newspaper, which speak for themselves. It was necessary to add thousands of dollars to the expense acct. to make the paper one that the public would support and one that could successfully compete with the other papers. Under the new management the daily circulation of the *News* (which is now 5000 copies) has been doubled; the Saturday issue (8000) has been almost trebled; and the semi-weekly (now 21,750) has been more than doubled.

The book, stationery, and church works department has the foundation for a very fine, paying business, but is seriously crowded for room, having less space in the new building than in the old Cannon premises across the street. If the time should ever come that the drugstore is moved out of the *Deseret News* building, the committee strongly urges that the original intention of using it for one large book, stationery, and church works department be carried out. The partition is only temporary and could easily be

removed.

The foregoing report of the *Deseret News* business bore the following endorsement:

Audited, approved, and submitted Apr. 24, 1903.  
 (signed) Rudger Clawson  
 Reed Smoot,  
 Auditing Committee.

Upon motion of Pres. Winder, the report was received, approved, and ordered placed on file, with instructions that a copy of the report be placed in the hands of the First Presidency. Brother Clawson explained that proper entries would now be formulated, carrying the *Deseret News* business into the general ledger of the trustee-in-trust. Heretofore no account of the said business has appeared on said ledger, which indicates a careless way of keeping books.

Brother Clawson, in behalf of the auditing committee, also submitted a report showing the exact financial status of the church, Jan. 1st, 1903. He was not able to do this before by reason of not having the *Deseret News* report. The following is a copy of said report:

#### GENERAL REPORT

Net surplus at office of trustee-in-trust,	
Jan. 1, [19]03	\$2,001,659.21
Tithes on hand in stakes of Zion,	
Jan. 1, [19]03	396,496.66
Net surplus at <i>Deseret News</i> , Jan. 1, [19]03	
Cap. invested	158,306.15
Surplus	24,755.84
	183,061.99
Total active surplus	2,581,217.86
Silent assets surplus, Jan. 1, 1903	666,068.31
Total net assets of the church, Jan. 1, [19]03,	
showing its exact financial status or	
worth at the time	\$3,247,286.17

The said foregoing general report was also approved by unanimous vote and ordered placed on file. Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Elder Hy. M. Smith.

**Sunday, 17 May 1903**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cold; snow during the night. 10 a.m. Sunday School session of the [Granite Stake] Conference, Sup. Geo. M. Cannon presiding. Pres. Smith spoke. Topics treated. Explained that it was not what we hear that makes us wise, but what we remember. Children should be obedient in their homes. Pres. Winder. Topics treated. Prayer. Pres. Lund also touched upon the principle of prayer.

11 a.m. Regular session of the conference, Pres. F. Y. Taylor presiding. The first speaker was Elder Hyrum M. Smith. Topics treated. Faith. Office of the Holy Ghost. Pres. Angus M. Cannon. Topics treated. Spoke of how faith sprung up in his heart when but 6 years of age. Said that he had received a testimony that this work is true. Speak no evil of any one but rather speak good. Referred to his colonizing mission to Southern Utah in the sixties.

2 p.m. Continuation of conference, Pres. F. Y. Taylor presiding. Pres. Lund was the first speaker. Topics treated. Free agency. Pres. Winder. Topics treated. Mission of the Latter-day Saints. Drew a contrast between the Latter-day Saints and the 1000 Christian ministers now in Salt Lake from the East, who will today preach in the outside churches there and scatter tracts against the Mormons. Hoped the saints of the Granite Stake would be able to meet in their new stake house now in course of construction in six months from date. Pres. Jos. F. Smith. Topics treated. Spoke in complimentary terms of the good singing of the choir. Virtue. Free agency. The difference between belief and faith. The resurrection. Bore a strong testimony of the truth of Mormonism.

**Thursday, 21 May 1903**

Salt Lake City. Raining and cool. 10:20 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Jno. W. Taylor, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hy. M. Smith, the Patriarch [John Smith], and the clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "What Glorious Scenes My Eyes Behold." Pres. Winder was mouth in prayer, and Elder Smoot was mouth at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "Zion Stands with Hills Surrounded." Minutes of May 14th were read and approved.

The clerk read a letter from Mr. G. Edmonds, attorney,

Carthage, Ill., in which he stated that Mrs. [Eliza M.] Browning, the owner of the Carthage jail, in which the Prophet Joseph Smith was martyred, contemplated going to California to reside and would dispose of the property for \$4000. He now addressed this letter of inquiry to the Presidency, thinking that perhaps the church would like to make the purchase. Pres. Smith remarked that some years ago the property was offered for sale at \$5000 and was considered favorably with a view to opening up in the building a bureau of information and keeping on sale the church works and gospel tracts, but for some reason the matter dropped through. The question was pretty thoroughly discussed and, in view of the fact that the Carthage jail was a building of great historic interest to the Latter-day Saints and in fact to the world, it became the sense of the council that the Presidency take such steps as might be necessary looking to the purchase of the property to the best advantage and that a bureau of information and depot for our church works be established in it.

A letter was read from Elder B. F. Grant, calling attention to the fact that the insurance on the plate glass windows of the *Deseret News* building expired in April last and asking a renewal of the same. Pres. Smith remarked in this connection that the insurance on the Zion's Savings Bank building had been taken away from the Home Fire Ins. Co. by Cashier Geo. M. Cannon and given to two of his brothers, who were in the insurance business. Brother B. F. Grant complained of this treatment. Pres. Smith said that so far as he was concerned the insurance should be divided and part of it go to the Home Fire Co. Upon motion the matter was referred to the Presidency for their action.

Elder Jos. F. Simmons reported by letter that he had been called through Elder A. O. Woodruff to properly arrange and record the minutes of the meetings of the Twelve Apostles since July 1887 to date. Made some suggestions as to the kind of a record needed and how said minutes should be recorded. He said that, if the work were undertaken by himself, it must necessarily be done at odd times outside of his regular temple work in the recorder's office. In view of this fact and other considerations which he mentioned, he asked that his compensation be increased from \$70 per month, the present figure, to \$100 per month.

Upon motion the matter was referred to Elder Jno. H. Smith

to further investigate and report. Elder Jno. H. Smith said that at a recent meeting of the Twelve, he was instructed to represent to the Presidency that the Twelve were much in need of a stenographer and a room for council and business purposes, and suggested that they be given what was the parlor in the Lion House. Pres. Smith said that when the Brigham Young Memorial building, now in course of construction, was completed, he could see no reason why the Twelve should not have the room asked for.

Stake conference appointments: St. Johns, Elder Cowley, now on the way; Uintah, Elder Woodruff, now on the way; Millard, Elder Hy. M. Smith; Juarez, Elder Teasdale; Benson, Elder Clawson.

Elder Taylor recommended that the Alberta Stake be divided for various reasons: distances between wards are long; the church population about 7000—a proper division would leave about 4000 in west end and 3000 in east end, with the east end growing rapidly. Upon motion the matter was laid on the table until next Aug. when two or three of the apostles would be sent there to investigate and report.

### *Reports*

Elder Jno. H. Smith attended the Summit Stake Conference Sat. and Sunday, which was held at Kamas, where a new meeting house is nearing completion to take the place of the one that was destroyed by fire. Good spirit prevailed at conference. Jno. Lemon of Kamas was ordained a patriarch. The presidency of the stake are active. Held conjoint meeting of young people Sunday evening. Returned home on Monday and attended peace meeting in 17th Ward house Monday evening and meeting of Y.L.M.I.A. Tuesday evening in 17th Ward.

Elder Geo. Teasdale attended the Nebo Stake Conference on Sat. and Sunday at Spanish Fork. Elder Smoot was present on Sunday. All the bishops and some of the stake presidencies reported. The time was profitably spent. Jno. W. Taylor said that Elder Hy. M. Smith and himself left last Thursday night for Star Valley to attend the conference there, but upon reaching Montpelier found that no arrangements had been made for their transportation from that point to Afton and so they returned to the city.

Elder Clawson said that Elder Woodruff and himself attended Saturday's meetings of the Granite Stake Conference and that the

First Presidency and Elder Hy. M. Smith were present on Sunday. Saturday's meetings were poorly attended, and Sunday's meetings were crowded. Many good instructions were given. On Sunday evening at 5 p.m. the cornerstone of the new Granite Stake tabernacle was laid with appropriate ceremonies, Pres. Winder officiating. During the conference Elder Jno. M. Cannon was chosen and sustained as 2nd councillor to Pres. Frank Y. Taylor, and Brother Tobiason was sustained as an alternate high councillor; Brother [Edwin] Bennion, the second counselor to Pres. Taylor, was advanced to first place; these brethren were set apart at the President's office on Monday.

The Patriarch attended meeting at the tabernacle Sunday afternoon and the ward meeting at night. Pres. Smith reported to the council the sad death of Pres. Ephraim H. Nye and said that the Presidency telegraphed orders to have his body prepared for burial and shipped home. The funeral, he said, would take place in Ogden next Sunday. He felt that some of the Twelve should be present. Elder Jno. H. Smith said that he would make an effort to be there.

Upon motion the reports were received and the labors of the brethren approved.

Elder Smoot, speaking of the German missionary persecutions, said that this present persecution was brought on, or at least encouraged, by Mr. [Charlemagne] Tower, the United States ambassador to Germany, and he felt that some steps should be taken to reach the ambassador, and thereby bring about a modification of the situation. He also felt that the affidavits, as set forth in the *Deseret News* a night or two ago, proving the Rev. Mr. [Duncan J.] McMillan a liar, should also be published in the Los Angeles papers, while the Presbyterian convention is in session, and before McMillan makes his speech. It would take the wind out of his sails.

Pres. Lund, referring to the German missionary situation, said that the matter had gone beyond Mr. Tower. Felt that it would be good policy to remain quiet for the present. If the German government look upon our people as being obnoxious and act accordingly, the United States government could do nothing. Elder Jno. H. Smith said that inasmuch as we had made the effort, he did not think it wise to further crowd matters at present.

Pres. Smith at this point made some very interesting remarks,

in brief, as follows. We are not in a position legally, or in a popular sense, to assert our rights. We can pray to the Lord and petition governments for our rights, but cannot force our way. The whole world is against us; hence, our best policy is meekness and humility. It is not well to be too aggressive. Nevertheless, we should be prompt in exposing the lies of wicked and corrupt priests, and in a way that the world will see and understand the other side. Our policy should not be a policy of force but rather a policy of persuasion. Speaking of the crusade of recent years said that Pres. Jno. Taylor, who was a good deal like himself, felt to meet the enemy on his own ground and fight, but when the storm broke with such fury and violence as it did, he concluded that it would be wisdom to round up his shoulders (which he usually illustrated with a shrug) and receive unmoved the brunt of the tempest. This should be our policy. Regarding the McMillan matter, thought perhaps it was a little too early to act—and perhaps it was not. Let them show their hand, and we would then know what was best to be done. We must be wise and politic, and if we would catch flies, let us use honey rather than vinegar. Our most prudent course at present is to lay low, for we know not as yet what efforts will be put forth to unseat Brother Smoot in congress. The brethren of the Twelve should be wise in their public utterances. And if we are humble and faithful, no matter what our enemies do, they cannot defeat the purposes of Jehovah.

Pres. Winder endorsed the remarks of Pres. Smith, as also did Elder Jno. H. Smith. Elder Clawson moved that, as a council, we endorse the wise and prudent sentiments expressed by Pres. Smith and adopt them as the sense of the meeting. Carried by unanimous vote.

Pres. Smith suggested to Elder Smoot that he be very wise and politic in his attitude to congressmen and also endeavor to maintain good feelings with his colleague, Senator [Thomas] Kearns. The wisdom of this would be seen. Elder Smoot replied that he had endeavored to meet the situation along the lines suggested by Pres. Smith.

Elder Merrill reported by letter that he attended a ward conference at Newton last Sunday and ordained Martin C. Rigby, bishop of said ward, and Christen Christensen, a high priest, and set him apart as 1st counselor. He also ordained Wm. H. Griffin,



a patriarch. Upon motion the report was received.

Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Pres. Jos. F. Smith.

Note: just before the close of the meeting, Elder Clawson asked if any rule had been adopted in cases where the first baptism was required and the record had been lost. The answer was that the date should be fixed as near to the time as possible by the memory of parents and others.

#### **Tuesday, 26 May 1903**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. At 12:30 midnight by request of the First Presidency I left by train for Neeleyville, Pocatello Stake, to attend the funeral of Elder Geo. Oscar Stanger, a young missionary, 23 years of age and unmarried, who died at Kansas City, May 23, of pneumonia and typhoid fever. The body was on the train, being in charge of Pres. Jas. G. Duffin of the S.W. States Mission.

#### **Wednesday, 27 May 1903**

Pocatello, Idaho. Raining. We arrived at 9 a.m., where we changed cars, but the train we expected to take was six hours late, so that we did not reach American Falls until 4 p.m. instead of 10 a.m. The parents of the deceased, who live at Neeleyville, met the body at Ogden and were, therefore, on the train. Bp. [Wilford] Bennion had provided teams and we were driven from the Falls to Neeleyville some four and half miles, reaching that point at about 5:30 p.m. The family were grief-stricken in the sad homecoming of their worthy and faithful son.

#### **Thursday, 28 May 1903**

[Neeleyville, Idaho.] Clear and cool. Many friends and sympathizers came in to see the family and view the remains. 2:20 p.m. The funeral cortege left the home for the meeting house.

3 p.m. Funeral services, Bp. Wilford Bennion presiding. Bp. Wilford Bennion made brief remarks and said that the deceased was a promising young man. Pres. Jas. G. Duffin spoke and gave a brief account of Elder Stanger's faithfulness and diligence in the mission field. Spoke of his last sickness in the St. Joseph Hospital, Kansas City. He was very patient in his sufferings. Part of the time, was delirious, and while in that condition, frequently spoke of his

missionary labors. In fact, he said nothing but what indicated to the sisters of charity and attendants that he was a pure young man, which indeed was something of a testimony to them of the teachings of the gospel.

I followed and said that I came as a representative of the First Presidency. Drew attention to the fact the ordeal of parting with the dead comes into the homes of many Latter-day Saints. Related some incidents to the point. Spoke of the faithfulness of our young brother and said that he had secured the right to come forth in the first resurrection and enter into his exaltation.

The casket was borne to the cemetery and I was mouth in dedicating the grave. We took supper with Bp. Bennion and family, and afterwards returned to Brother [George W.] Stanger's, where we held a short meeting. After the opening exercises, Brother Duffin and myself spoke briefly. I related several remarkable dreams.

#### Thursday, 4 June 1903

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 10:20 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hy. M. Smith, the Patriarch [John Smith], and clerk.

Pres. Smith stated that Elders Thos. R. Cutler and W. W. Riter asked for the privilege of presenting a certain matter to the brethren. The request was acceded to and these brethren were invited in. Elder Riter was the first speaker and called attention to the movement now on foot to establish a sugar factory at Lewiston, Utah. The enterprise was being promoted, he said, by Chas. W. Nibley, who has invited into the directorate, two apostles (namely, A. O. Woodruff and Rudger Clawson), four presidents of stakes, a member of congress, and others. He said that he felt it to be an unwise move for several reasons. In the first place Utah has a sufficient number of factories to supply the demand and Utah is our greatest and most important market. This move would have a tendency in his judgment to depreciate the Utah Sugar Co. stocks. In the second place it would appear like a breach of faith on the part of the church authorities, as the Presidency and some of the Twelve are associated with one directorate and some of the Twelve and a number of presidents of stakes with the other. He spoke at

some length and expressed the view that steps should be taken to discourage the new factory project. Bp. Thos. R. Cutler expressed similar views to those of Brother W. W. Riter and said that he feared that the Eastern people would charge us with bad faith. In his judgment conditions would not justify another factory in Utah.

Pres. Smith said that Brother Nibley had talked with him regarding the matter and, while he did not favor the move, he felt delicate about counseling him not to go into it. He did not at the time, nor at this time, wish to be placed in a position of this kind. Brother Nibley and himself were and had always been on the most intimate terms of friendship, and while he much regretted the inauguration of said enterprise at the same time he hoped that Brother Nibley and his friends would be able to enter into some satisfactory combination with the Utah Sugar Co. and thus avoid any unpleasantness. Pres. Winder said that the name of Pres. Smith had been published in connection with the new move, which he very much deplored, as it would carry a false impression among the people.

Elders Riter and Cutler then retired, after an announcement by the former that there would be a meeting of the directors of the Utah Sugar Co. and the Amalgamated Sugar Co. at 2:30 p.m. He explained in this connection that David Eccles, who is quite antagonistic to C. W. Nibley, seemed determined to attack him in the public prints. In view of his attitude and determination, it was deemed wisdom for the two boards to get together and consider the situation. If it became necessary to go into print, there would at least be a mutual understanding.

After the brethren had retired, Elder Clawson explained his connection with the directorate of the new factory. Said that Elder Woodruff, who had decided to accept a directorship told him that he was also wanted for a similar position. Upon inquiry he was told that Brother Woodruff had consulted Pres. Smith, who, while he did not approve, did not disapprove of his accepting the appointment. Later he was told by Brother Nibley, who entered into a detailed explanation of the project, that he had endeavored to meet Pres. Smith's wishes by tendering to the Eastern people one half of the stock to be issued, namely, \$250,000. In view of the foregoing explanations Brother Clawson allowed his name, he said, to be used as one of the directors. Later on he felt that he

ought to consult the President about the matter personally, which he did. Pres. Smith felt a delicacy in giving counsel, but advised him to withhold his name until he should be able to learn whether there would be a consolidation of interests between the Utah Sugar Co. and the new enterprise, which he trusted would be accomplished. Thereupon, Brother C[lawson] made every effort, he said, to locate Brother Nibley and instruct him to withhold his name from publication, but failed. It came out in the *News* that same evening. Brother Clawson further said that he desired to be in harmony with the Presidency and his brethren and to be subject to counsel, for that was a doctrine he taught from the stand in the stakes of Zion.

Pres. Lund said that in these matters it would be necessary to use great wisdom, otherwise the idea would go out that the authorities were using an undue influence upon the minds of the brethren in regard to business enterprises. Or, in other words, that they were infringing upon the rights of the individual—upon individual liberty. Minutes of May 28th were read and approved.

Stake conference appointments: North San Pete, Reed Smoot; Pocatello, R. Clawson; Union, Pres. Smith and Elder Hy. M. Smith.

The clerk read a letter from Pres. [William A.] Hyde, Pocatello Stake, in which he expressed a hope that one of the apostles would be sent to their conference to counsel with them in regard to some labor troubles that have arisen between the brethren working for the O.S.L. [Oregon Short Line] Ry. Co. and other employees connected with the union there.

Pres. Smith said that agreeably to the resolution passed at the last meeting the Twelve were excused from attending stake conferences that they might attend the M.I.A. conference at the tabernacle. He reported that the Presidency and Twelve attended said conference, consisting of officers meetings on Sat. and Monday, and three regular meetings on Sunday. On Monday, June 1, Brigham Young's birthday, the Brigham Young Memorial Hall was dedicated. The dedication took place at 10 a.m. and R. W. Young offered the opening prayer, and Pres. Smith, the dedicatory prayer. Brief remarks were made by Elder Jno. H. Smith, Presidents Jos. F. Smith and Anthon H. Lund. Pres. Winder offered the benediction. On Monday evening a banquet was given in the Barratt Hall and B. Y. Memorial Hall to the officers of the M.I.A.

and proved to be a great success.

Pres. Winder said that yesterday was a "field day" at the temple. There were given 298 endowments and 40 marriages solemnized.

Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Elder Jno. H. Smith.

**Saturday, 6 June 1903**

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. I spent the day in Brigham City, leaving Salt Lake at 9:45 and returning at 9 p.m. While there I attended a meeting of the presidency of the stake and bishopric[s] of the wards. The subject under discussion was the new summer pavilion, erected for dancing purposes against the counsel of the priesthood and in opposition to a decision of the high council. The speakers were Presidents Chas. Kelly, Oleen N. Stohl, and myself, and the bishops were advised to unite the ward authorities that they might be able to exercise an influence upon all who are now opposing the priesthood.

**Thursday, 11 June 1903**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Pres. Jno. R. Winder, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Marriner W. Merrill, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, the Patriarch [John Smith], and the clerk. (Pres. Smith and Lund were absent in Oregon, having gone there to attend the Union Stake Conference.) Minutes of June 4th were read and approved. The brethren clothed and sang, "Glory to God on High." Elder Woodruff opened, and Elder Clawson was mouth at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "School Thy Feelings, O My Brother."

The brethren indulged in a little informal talk regarding the new sugar factory. Elder Smoot said that while in Cache Valley last week he discovered quite a feeling against what was understood to be the action of the church authorities in reference to the enterprise—namely, a determination to crush it. Of course there was no such action. One brother, said Elder Smoot, spoke pointedly and strongly against any church action, saying that the President had no right to interfere in matters of this kind—in fact, had no time for anything but his church duty. Elder Smoot asked him if that were his candid judgment that Pres. Smith had no time but

for one thing—namely, his duty in the church. He answered in the affirmative. Elder Smoot then replied and told him to apply the rule to himself, to mind his own business, and let the church do the same.

The clerk read a letter from Pres. David John of the Utah Stake, in which he called attention to the fact that Harvey Cluff had been severed from the church about a year ago for fornication, but, upon showing forth a spirit of repentance and humiliation, had recently been received back by baptism. He also drew attention to the case of Conrad Maug, Jr., who had been cut off for fornication and restored. Both these brethren now desired the priesthood, and for this reason the matter was sent to the council. Elder Smoot, who was personally acquainted with both of these brethren, said that they were sincerely repentant, but it was a question in his mind whether they should be given the priesthood so soon after the commission of the offense and their restoration to the church. A sufficient time should elapse to make a proper impression upon the minds of the young. Action was deferred until next meeting.

In answer to a letter from Bp. J[ens] P. Jensen of Crescent, Jordan Stake, Elder Reed Smoot was appointed to visit said ward and dedicate their meeting house next Sunday. Conference appointments: Sevier, R. Clawson; Morgan, Elder Jno. H. Smith; Salt Lake Stake, members of the First Presidency.

The clerk read a letter from Pres. Jos. Morrell to Elder Woodruff, in which he desired to know if it would be in harmony with the views of the council for the people of Hyde Park to sell a small portion of the public square for school purposes. Elder Woodruff was instructed to write Brother Morrell that the council would advise that it be not done.

A letter from Brother Cowley was read in which he said that after leaving St. Johns, Arizona, he and Brother [Louis A.] Kelsch proceeded to Mexico, where they met Elder Teasdale and wife [Letitia Teasdale]. The conference was held in Diaz. Besides the regular meetings, the brethren met with the auxiliary organizations and quorums of the priesthood. A splendid spirit prevailed and the saints were delighted to see Elder Teasdale, who presided over them so long. From Mexico Brother Cowley said that he would go to the St. Joseph Stake for conference.

### *Reports*

Elder Jno. H. Smith said that he attended fast meeting at the temple last Sunday a.m.; 22 testimonies were borne and it was very choice meeting. In the afternoon attended fast meeting in the 17th Ward and in the evening was present at a special meeting of the young people of the Granite Stake at the Farmers Ward. There were at least 1000 present. Speaking of the young people, Elder Smith alluded to the effort now being made to keep Saltair free from liquor. Notwithstanding this, a strong effort is being made to induce our young people to visit the Lagoon and Calder's Park. The latter place, he said, is a veritable hell-hole. It is said that some 400 people there upon a recent occasion were intoxicated.

Elder Merrill reported that he attended fast meeting at home. Referring to the new sugar factory, said that he was opposed to it. Felt that it was not needed. He regretted, he said, that Brother [Charles W.] Nibley was placing Pres. Smith in a false light by saying that he did not feel like withdrawing from the enterprise unless Pres. Smith should tell him to do so. Elder Merrill did not think the move a good one. The people of Cache not very enthusiastic about it. Drawing a comparison, he said that in the country where he lived one creamery paid well, but when a second one was established there, neither paid. The two creameries referred to will be combined into a condensed milk factory, and when this is done the people in his judgment will quit raising beets and turn their attention to the producing of milk, as this branch of industry will pay better than beet culture. Hence, a sugar factory will not do well there.

Elder Woodruff reported his visit to the Big Horn Stake. The conference was held at Lovell. All the bishops—5 in number—and 2 presiding elders were present, and on Sunday over 500 people attended the meeting, thus showing a gratifying growth in church population. Regarding the tract of land that the church has taken steps to secure, he said that the Wyoming officials are very favorable to our people and will do all in their power to help us. There were some difficulties in acquiring 13,000 acres of the 43,000, but Senator [Francis E.] Warren, who was particularly friendly, advises us to go ahead and secure the 30,000 acres, and the other tract, he thought, would fall into our hands later. Patriarch Jas. H. Leathead bore an interesting testimony. Said that he was a resident of

Nauvoo in the early days of the church and filled the position of drummer boy in the Nauvoo band. Said that he was present and heard the Prophet Joseph Smith predict that the saints would move to the Rocky Mountains.

Elder Clawson said that he and Elder Smoot attended the Pocatello Conference. Elders Jos. M. Tanner and Henry Petersen of the Sunday School Union board and Jos. F. Smith, Jr., of the Y.M.M.I.A. board were also present. The usual meetings were held with a conjoint meeting of the young people Sunday evening. A Sunday School Union for the stake was organized on Sunday morning. The time of the conference was occupied by the visitors and the presidency of the stake. Elder Clawson said that he was prepared to report on the labor situation at Pocatello, but it was decided to call for said report at the next meeting.

Elder Smoot said that he addressed the students of the B. Y. College, Logan, on Friday last. Jno. Smith added his testimony to that of Elder Jno. H. Smith regarding Calder's Park. Said that there were a class of men among us, who sought the destruction of young ladies who visit that resort by getting them intoxicated and then taking them into the bushes. Pres. Winder attended fast meeting at the temple Sunday morning and fast meeting in Farmers Ward in the afternoon.

Reports were received and the labors of the brethren approved.

Elder Smoot drew attention to the fact that some move in his judgment should be made looking to the organization of a life insurance company. He said that it would be surprising to the brethren to know what large numbers of Utah people—many of them our young people—are having their lives insured, and as a result sending thousands of dollars out of the state that might be kept at home. A great evil connected with this matter was, he said, that in many instances our young people are led away from the church. He felt that something should be done to meet the emergency. Elder Clawson reminded the brethren that Elder Heber J. Grant had called attention to this matter some two or three years ago and urged the importance at that time of immediate action, looking to the organization of a home life insurance company. Pres. Winder considered this an important question and asked the brethren to give it some thought prior to next meeting,



when it would again be called up.

Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Elder Smoot. At 4 p.m. attended prayer circle at temple.

**Friday, 12 June 1903**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 9:45 a.m. Accompanied by Lydia and mother, I left for Ogden to attend the reunion of the priesthood of the Weber Stake of Zion. On the same train were Elders Abraham O. Woodruff and Reed Smoot and wives, the Patriarch Jno. Smith and wife, Bathsheba W. Smith and Julina Smith, all going to the reunion. (Pres. Jos. F. Smith and wife, Alice, Pres. Anthon H. Lund, and Elder Hyrum M. Smith and wife came down to Ogden last night from Oregon, whither they had gone to attend the Union Stake Conference.) Our train arrived at 10:45 a.m. and we were driven in carriages to the 5th Ward meeting house, where the brethren of the priesthood of the Weber Stake and their wives had assembled, Pres. Lewis W. Shurtliff presiding. The visitors were conducted to seats on the stand. The house was beautifully decorated with flowers. Suspended from the ceiling just over the stand was a bell constructed of choice flowers with a seagull floating underneath. At the rear of the stand and hanging on the wall was a portrait of Joseph Smith, the prophet, with an American flag for a background.

Remarks, Pres. Jos. F. Smith. He said in substance. This is an occasion that should make us better and happier, if possible, than we were before. Why are we here? What is our responsibility? What is expected of us? These questions arise in my mind. First and foremost, we should acknowledge the divinity of this work, of the mission of Joseph Smith, the prophet. I ask myself, is it true that God himself has come to the earth in person to restore the gospel? I ask myself, is this true? Do you believe it? If you do not believe it, you are acting the hypocrite, you are trifling with the truth. Pres. Smith testified to the divinity of the mission of the Prophet Jos. Smith. The point with me is this, am I a worker in the cause? If so, I should go at it with all the power of my soul, and so should my brethren. Said he wanted to impress upon the minds of the brethren the great truth that God lives, as also does his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, and that Joseph Smith was a prophet.

for they are among the best men and women on the earth, and yet they are beset with the weaknesses of mortality. Jesus was the great exemplar, and we should follow in his footsteps. I love the people of God and I know that this work is true. We must be long-suffering, kind, and charitable one with another, and willing to forgive on the least intimation of repentance. We cannot at once, and in all cases, bring people to our measure. We should, therefore, be lenient and patient. To tell you the truth, I love a man who has never made a mistake. I mean a man who has never faltered, never shrunk, never quivered, but has stood to the rack, "hay or no hay." I love such a man with all my heart. I love a man that makes no mistakes. You may talk all you please about the prodigal son. It is true, he may have the fatted calf and be clothed in the scarlet robe, but remember the faithful son received all that the father possessed. The example of the prodigal son is given simply to illustrate or show that we welcome the repentant sinner and are willing to help him all we can. Brethren and sisters, said Pres. Smith, I do not believe you are prodigals, that you are profligate. You have not squandered your patrimony—the priesthood. Every man will receive according to his work and record.

Here is Bathsheba W. Smith, widow of the late Geo. A. Smith, perhaps the only living person who received her endowments under the hands of Joseph Smith, the prophet. Here is a living witness to the fact that Brigham Young did not institute the endowments, and did not introduce the principle of plural marriage. We are not at present teaching plural marriage, but we want the brethren to take care of their wives. That man who is not true to his family, his wives, had better not come before me for judgment. Joseph Smith revealed under God the principle of plural marriage; Jos. Smith revealed under God the endowments. Here is a living witness. I am a witness for I received my endowments from those who received them at the hands of the Prophet. A man who rejects the principle of plural marriage in his heart will never attain to exaltation and glory in the presence of God. We would be pleased to have a few words from Sister Smith.

Sister Bathsheba W. Smith responded and said in substance. Pres. Smith has spoken the truth. I know that the endowments now given are the same as given by Joseph Smith, the prophet. He used to instruct us and tell us many things in relation thereunto and

also with respect to our duty. I know that he was a true prophet and that he revealed the endowments and they did not come from Brigham Young. I know that he never taught a wrong principle, and if we will obey his voice, we will be saved; otherwise we cannot be. Pres. Woodruff and myself were the last to receive our endowments at his hands. Pres. Woodruff has gone and I am left. I was present at the organization of the first Relief Society by Joseph Smith. I testify that the principle of plural marriage was not revealed to the church by Brigham Young but by the Prophet Joseph. I have lived in it and know that it is true.

Pres. Anthon H. Lund was the next speaker. He said in brief that he was pleased to be present. Spoke of the greatness and power of the priesthood. Warned the brethren against the spirit of pride. He that is chief among you should be as one who serves. Our president is a man in whom this principle is exemplified. Had listened with much interest to the testimony of Sister Smith. A certain church (meaning the Josephites, so called) claims that plural marriage was not introduced by Joseph Smith, but we have in our midst today a living witness, who testifies that he did establish that principle in the church.

Elder Reed Smoot made brief remarks. Said that he esteemed it a great privilege to be present at the reunion. No doubt all present felt, he said, as he did, that the Spirit of God was in our midst. If we could understand and appreciate the value and importance of the priesthood, all the resolutions in the world passed by the Presbyterians and other sects would have but little weight and influence with us.

After the singing the brethren and sisters present to the number of about 250 passed in front of the stand and shook hands with the visitors. The banquet that followed proved to be a splendid success. Three long tables had been arranged in the amusement hall and were fairly burdened with the good things of the earth, with flowers in profusion to relieve the eye, and as the guests were actively and busily engaged in satisfying the inner man, beautiful strains of music floated into the room from the orchestra on the stage.

It fell to my lot to make a short after-dinner speech, and I spoke in substance as follows. Said that I had been greatly impressed with the character of the occasion, had listened with rapt attention to

the instructions given at the morning service, and now viewed the banquet as a most splendid success. Of all the things connected with this affair that impressed me most was not the numbers in attendance but rather the nature of their calling in the priesthood. I was reminded, I said, of the following words written upon a certain occasion by the Prophet Joseph Smith to the saints: "This may seem like a strong doctrine we talk of—a power that records and binds on earth and binds in heaven. Nevertheless, in all ages of the world, whenever God has given a dispensation of the priesthood to any man by actual revelation, or any set of men, this power has always been given. Hence, when those men did anything in authority, in the name of the Lord, and did it truly and faithfully and kept a proper and faithful record of the same, it became a law on earth and in the heavens, and could not be annulled, according to the decree of the Great Jehovah." Brethren and sister[s], said I, how impressive are these words. The priesthood is the power that connects the heavens and the earth and brings us into the very presence of the Lord, as it did Moses, the prophet, and other ancient worthies. It has been conferred upon us, first, that we might be able to save our own souls and, second, that we might be instrumental in saving others. Now mark it, a man that is not himself faithful and true—or in other words, is not in a saved condition—cannot be instrumental in saving others. Behold how great is our calling, and what manner of men and women ought we not to be. Prayed that those present might be blessed of the Lord in the performance of their duty.

[After the banquet] Pres. Jos. F. Smith alluded in the warmest terms to some of the prominent brethren who wielded a strong influence among us in the recent past, and named Franklin D. Richards, Brigham Young, Jr., Capt. [James] Brown, Jonathan Brown, Richard Ballantyne, Bp. [Edwin] Stratford, Father [William] Critchlow, F. A. Hammond, and Francis A. Brown. These, he said, were noble men.

Spoke of a serious difficulty that arose among the brethren of Ogden many years ago. Pres. Jno. Taylor delegated Lorenzo Snow, Jos. F. Smith, and Daniel H. Wells to investigate the matter and effect a settlement. Pres. Snow was taken ill and confined to his bed, leaving the responsibility with the other two brethren. They called the parties at fault together and met with them and kept

meeting with them, hour after hour, and day after day, until they confessed their faults, broke down, were melted into tears, and made matters right. Francis A. Brown was the first to make acknowledgement and ask forgiveness. He was a courageous, good man. There is no court, in or out of the church, that can settle a difficulty between two individuals. They may formulate decisions and reach certain conclusions by law but that do[es]n't settle it. Exhorted the brethren and sisters to do something, say something, or desire something that will benefit the saints and assist in building up Zion. Condemned the too frequent use of the terms: prophet, seer, and revelator, and apostle. These are sacred terms and should not be often used. It is sufficient generally to say Pres. Smith or Brother Jos. F. and Elder for Apostle. The brethren who hold the priesthood and are faithful, are all prophets, but it would not be consistent to say Prophet Shurtliff, Prophet Jones, Prophet Middleton, Prophet Flyfare. The term is too sacred.

Brief closing remarks were made by Pres. [Lewis W.] Shurtliff. Elder Smoot in behalf of the visitors spoke a few fitting words of appreciation and praise for their hearty reception and generous entertainment.

#### **Thursday, 18 June 1903**

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. 10:20 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jno. R. Winder and Anthon H. Lund, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hy. M. Smith, the Patriarch [John Smith], and the clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "Jesus Once of Humble Birth." Elder Smoot was mouth in prayer, and Elder Hy. M. Smith was mouth at the altar. The brethren disrobed and sang, "Captain of Israel's Host and Guide." Minutes of June 11, 1903, were read and approved.

Conference appointments: Malad, Elder Woodruff; Hyrum, Elder Clawson; Parowan, Elder Smoot; Davis, Elder Hyrum M. Smith.

The clerk read a letter from Pres. Ben. E. Rich, in which was enclosed a suggestion from his son to the effect, namely, that a convention or indignation meeting of the young people of Zion be called to protest against the attitude of the Presbyterians at the Los Angeles gathering towards the Mormons, and to put said

protest in the form of a resolution, which could go to the nation. He felt that such a meeting and such action would bear good fruit and possibly help Elder Smoot in retaining his seat in Congress. The said above letter was read and passed without discussion.

Another letter from Elder Rich was read by the clerk, in which he drew attention to the fact that since dividing the Southern States Mission, the Middle States Mission had fallen behind some \$1500.00, and in his judgment it would be impossible to make the mission self-supporting. This condition is due, he said, to the weakness that often times follows division. The Southern States Mission *was* self-supporting, due in part to the greater number of elders laboring therein and other causes. He sincerely regretted the necessity which made it imperative for him to call upon the church for help. He suggested that it might be a good thing to reunite the Southern and Middle States Missions.

Elder Woodruff said that he believed we could now clearly see that a mistake had been made in the division—not only from a financial point of view but from a consideration of the health of the elders. It will be remembered that the Middle States Mission got the healthy states, while the other got the unhealthy states, and the elders, who in past years were transferred from the South to the North in the hot weather, were not cut off from this privilege. After further discussion, it was moved by Elder Clawson that these two missions be reunited and that West Virginia be given to the Eastern States Mission. Carried.

Pres. Thos. E. Bassett of the Fremont Stake recommended that a new ward, to be called Vernon, be taken out of the Marysville Ward, which would then leave a church population of about 300 to each ward. Recommendation adopted. His recommendation that Parley LeRoy Cutler be chosen as bishop of the new ward was also approved.

The presidency of the Beaver Stake wrote, calling attention to the fact that the late Sarah M. Dell of that place had bequeathed to the church \$500 in cash and a house and lot. They now asked that said bequest be set aside and turned over to the Beaver branch of the B. Y. Academy. Upon motion of Elder Jno. H. Smith said request was granted.

The clerk read a letter from Elder Jno. W. Taylor, dated June 4 and written from Stirling, Canada. Said that he attended the

Alberta Stake Conference, after which a company consisting of the stake presidency, two patriarchs, himself, and others started out to visit all the wards. They expected, he said, to organize several branches of the church in the outlying districts. He reported that the stock losses during the recent storms would amount to 6 to 10%. The erection of the sugar factory is well under way.

It was moved and carried, after some discussion, that the priesthood and their former blessings be conferred upon Harvey Cluff, nephew to H. H. Cluff, and Conrad Maug, Jr., who had been cut off for fornication and restored to the church.

### *Reports*

Elder Jno. H. Smith said that he attended the Salt Lake Stake Conference last Sunday and enjoyed the spirit of the meetings. Pres. Smith made a very spirited talk Sunday night. Last night Brother Smith attended a banquet given to Senator [William A.] Clark, promoter of the Salt Lake, Los Angeles, and San Pedro Ry. It was a great success. Senator Clark spoke and among other things said that he had been offered the Pioneer Square, but did not want it. He suggested, however, that said square should be retained by the people and beautified. Elder Smith thought this a very happy suggestion and should be followed out.

Elder Woodruff said that on Saturday last he assisted in laying the southeast cornerstone of the Wellsville meeting house. In the afternoon a feast was spread for the old folks. At this point Elder Woodruff recommended that Brother [William H.] Maughan, former bishop of Wellsville, be ordained a patriarch. It was known that Brother Maughan had been addicted more or less to the use of liquor and tobacco, and it became a question of worthiness on his part to receive the patriarchal office. The matter was laid over for the present.

In regard to the question of ordaining patriarchs, Elder Hy. M. Smith said that he noticed that a good many of the brethren had been ordained to this office in reward for faithfulness and in some instances to pave the way to their release from certain callings in the church—rather than with reference to their fitness for the patriarchal priesthood. He considered this a matter of great importance and felt that every man who is ordained to this calling should pass under the scrutiny of the Presidency and Twelve in council, rather than be ordained simply on the recommendation



of the presidency of the stakes, as had been the case in many instances.

Pres. Lund said that men should be selected who have the spirit of blessing and are thus adapted in a measure for this responsibility, and he did not think it right to confer this office on men simply as a reward for faithfulness. Men who had been particularly faithful might be recommended for their second anointings as a mark of favor from the Lord. One patriarch, said Brother Lund, in giving a blessing instructed the young man, who was single, not to get married until after he had fulfilled his mission, as he would be the better able to do his duty in the field. Pres. Lund learned from the young man upon inquiry that he was not under call and had received no intimation of a mission. Pres. Lund's advice in this particular case was for the young man to go and get married at once. He answered, What about the blessing? He cited this case to show how ill-adapted the patriarch was to his office.

Upon motion of Elder Clawson, it was decided that in the future recommendations for the office of patriarch be sent by the presidents of stakes to the council. At this point President Smith came in.

Elder Clawson said that Presidents Smith and Lund, and Elders Woodruff, Smoot, Hy. M. Smith, Jno. Smith, and their wives attended a reunion of the presiding priesthood of the Weber Stake last Friday. Meeting was held in the morning and a banquet served in the afternoon. It proved to be a very interesting and instructive occasion. Brother Clawson also attended the Sevier Stake Conference at Richfield on Sunday. A good spirit prevailed in the meetings and drew out a large attendance. Certain brethren were set apart and ordained as follows: Wm. Ogden, high councillor; Heber C. Christensen, high priest and high councillor; N. L. Christensen, high priest; Andrew P. Rasmussen, high priest; Lars P. Jensen, high priest; Lars Christensen, high priest; Geo. M. Jones, seventy; Erastus Christensen, elder; Heber Andersen, elder; Jno. E. Heppler, high councillor.

Elder Smoot said that Pres. Winder and himself attended the dedication of the Crescent Ward meeting house on Sunday. Pres. Winder offered the dedicatory prayer, and remarks were made by Pres. Winder, Bp Wm. B. Preston, and himself.



Elder Hy. M. Smith reported that Presidents Jos. F. Smith and Anthon H. Lund and himself attended the Union Stake Conference a week ago Sunday and had a very enjoyable time. During their visit J. R. Price was ordained a high priest and set apart as president of the high priest quorum; Elder [Thomas] Platt was ordained a high priest and set apart as bishop of Summerville; Jno. Abbott was ordained a high priest and set apart as bishop of Cove Ward. Last Sunday Brother Hyrum Smith attended the Salt Lake Stake Conference.

Pres. Lund said that he attended a Scandinavian reunion at Logan last Sunday. It was a grand success. Commemorated the establishment of the first branch of the church in Norway and the first branch in Sweden.

Elder Clawson reported the labor situation at Pocatello so far as it concerned our brethren. Said that while Mr. [W. H.] Bancroft, mgr. of the O.S.L. [Oregon Short Line] Ry. Co., expressed warm feelings of friendship and interest for our people at Pocatello; it was, nevertheless, a fact that they were discriminated against in the O.S.L. shops at that place. This was due, he said, to the influence of the bosses. Cited a number of cases. Pres. Smith suggested that Elders Clawson and Smoot obtain a full statement of the case from the presidency of Pocatello Stake and present the matter to Mr. Bancroft for his action in the light of the facts.

Reports and labors of the brethren were approved. Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Pres. Lund.

### Wednesday, 24 June 1903

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. I spent the forenoon at the President's office. At 2:30 p.m. attended a meeting of the general board of education of the church. During the meeting I called attention to the importance of the study of the science of life, which I thought was being neglected in our schools. It seemed to me, I said, that [more] of [the] young people should receive instruction in relation to love, courtship, and marriage, and should be warned against self-abuse and kindred evils. Many of the young people acquire the habit of self-abuse without knowing its baneful effect upon the health.

Supt. Jos. M. Tanner stated that arrangements had been made in the B. Y. College, Logan, the B. Y. Academy, Provo, and the

Latter-day Saints University, Salt Lake, for instructions upon these important subjects, but nothing had been done as yet for the stake academies, though the matter would receive attention as early as possible.

Pres. Smith remarked that everything possible should be done to impart proper instructions to the young regarding the science of life and also to correct any immoral habits they may have contracted.

#### Thursday, 25 June 1903

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Marriner W. Merrill, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, Patriarch Jno. Smith, and the clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "Lord, We Come before Thee Now." Pres. Smith opened, and Elder Cowley was mouth at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang [blank]. Minutes of June 18th were read and approved.

The clerk read a letter addressed to Elder Francis M. Lyman from Elder Hugh J. Cannon, relating to the persecution of our elders in Prussia. He stated that there were 55 elders laboring there but he expected to cut the number down to about 30, and that he was adopting measures by which each elder would have to be served by a notice in case of banishment, thus hampering the authorities all he could. Thought Switzerland the best place for headquarters of the mission. The council approved of the policy outlined in his letter by unanimous vote.

Pres. A. W. Ivins wrote from Mexico, regarding the proper form to be used in confirming applicants for membership in the church. He had been an advocate of the following form: "In the name of Jesus Christ, I lay my hands upon your head and confirm you a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and say unto you receive ye the Holy Ghost." He discouraged the idea of giving a patriarchal blessing in connection with this ordinance. His object now in writing about this matter was for information, as he had been told that he was in error. The matter was discussed and it became the sense of the council that the short form, as above, is correct, but that, if the Spirit so prompted, there

could be no objection to adding a few words of blessing.

Letter from Nephi Pratt, president of the N.W. States Mission, asking for the appointment of some of the brethren to attend conference at Butte next Sunday and conference at Anaconda, July 5.

Elder Hy. M. Smith was appointed to attend the Butte conference and Elder Cowley, the conference at Anaconda. The latter received an appointment to preach in Boise next Sunday. There were no stake conferences this week.

### *Reports*

Elder Jno. H. Smith said that Pres. Winder and himself attended meeting at Draper last Sunday. The president of the [Jordan] Stake was there also. Became necessary to look into a little trouble that had arisen between the Bishop [Willard B. Enniss] and the President [Hyrum Goff] of the stake. Reached a satisfactory settlement of the matter.

Elder Teasdale reported his recent visit to Mexico. The conference, which was very interesting and instructive, was held at Diaz. Meetings were also held at Juarez, Pacheco, and Dublan. He was well received and enjoyed the trip. Last Sunday he attended a Sunday School conference of the Juab Stake at Nephi.

Elder Merrill attended the Hyrum Stake Conference, where the conference was held in a bowery. Elders Clawson and Chas. Kelly were also in attendance. Excellent meetings were held. Felt that Pres. Wm. C. Parkinson was doing a good work and had matters well in hand. Could not be present at the Monday meetings.

Elder Cowley said that he had reported his trip south to the Presidency by letter, with the exception of the Maricopa Stake Conference. The saints at Maricopa feel encouraged. There has been an increase of population during the past year of 164 souls. The government is building a reservoir there to cost \$2,500,000.00, which will irrigate 200,000 acres of land. The prospects are bright for our people, providing they get possession of the lands. Returned home by way of California and held meetings at San Diego, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. There are few investigators of the gospel in that mission. Pres. [Joseph E.] Robinson wants Patriarch Johnson to visit them and give some patriarchal blessings. No objections to this request were offered. Last Sunday

Brother Cowley spoke at the tabernacle and in the 9th Ward in the evening.

Elder Woodruff attended the Malad Stake Conference last Sunday at Malad City, and while there dedicated the new meeting house that has been in course of erection for a number of years. There are some people living there who withdrew from the church at the time the Idaho test oath was put into force as a matter of policy and have never returned to the church.<sup>1</sup>

Elder Clawson said that he attended the banquet and ball given last Saturday night by the employees of the *Deseret News* in the Deseret News Annex. The affair, which was entitled a house warming, was a fine success. Pres. Lund, Elder Jno. H. Smith, and other specially invited guests were there. Brief speeches were made by Pres. Lund, Elders Jno. H. Smith, and himself, and Editor [Charles W.] Penrose, H. G. Whitney, business manager, and Pres. Angus M. Cannon, and others. Elders Penrose and Whitney, for themselves and also in behalf of the employees, expressed a sentiment of warm appreciation for the handsome new home provided for the *Deseret News* by the church authorities. Brother Clawson also referred to the Hyrum Stake Conference, which he said was well attended and very enjoyable. He noticed a tendency there, as also in other stakes, on the part of the young people to disregard the Sabbath day. The evil in this case has taken the form of Sunday riding in the afternoon and evening.

Elder Smoot got as far as Lund, O.S.L., in an effort to reach Parowan Conference, but there was nobody at the station to meet him so he was obliged to return. Reported that he had conferred the priesthood and former blessings upon Harvey Cluff as instructed.

Elder Hy. M. Smith and S. B. Young attended the Davis Stake Conference last week. There was a large attendance and a good spirit prevailed. The Patriarch attended services at the tabernacle last Sunday, as also did Pres. Lund.

Elder Clawson reported that while at Hyrum Lars Peter Christensen was ordained a bishop and set apart to preside over the

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<sup>1</sup> The state of Idaho had previously banned Mormons from voting. Consequently, the church had allowed some members in Idaho to withdraw temporarily from the church in order to vote.

Stirling Ward, Elder Merrill, mouth; Robt. Baxter, Jr., ordained a high priest and set apart as first counselor, Elder Clawson, mouth; Jno. P. Cooper, ordained a high priest and set apart as second counselor, Wm. C. Parkinson, mouth.

Reports received and labors approved. Benediction by Pres. Jno. R. Winder.

**Saturday, 27 June 1903**

Salt Lake City. Clear and hot. I was engaged during the forenoon on the record of the patriarchs of the church.

At 2 p.m. I attended by invitation a meeting of the board of directors of the Saltair Beach Co. at the President's office. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Nephi W. Clayton, and Jas. Jack of the directory, Jerry Langford, manager, and Elders A. O. Woodruff and myself.

Pres. Smith explained the object of the meeting by saying that an important question had arisen respecting Saltair beach. The pavilion, taken by itself, is not a paying proposition. There has been a wonderful falling off in patronage, and our people do not sustain it as they should. We have been tendered the sum of \$8000 for a lease on the property for the balance of the season, and the question before the brethren is this, would it be wise and proper to accept said offer? This matter, he said, was pretty well thrashed out in a meeting of the directors yesterday, and we have now called in all the members of the quorum of apostles within reach to get their judgment also upon the subject.

Elder Clawson said that in his opinion the question would have to be considered from two points of view: namely, the financial and the moral. As to the financial point, it was clearly an advantage to the Beach Co. to lease, but from the moral point, it was not so clear, as the leasing of the pavilion means the selling of liquor and other serious evils.

Elder Woodruff moved that we lease the property, but his motion received no second. He made the motion, he said, upon the ground that the beach was not paying its way.

Elder Jno. H. Smith said that, as a director of the company and viewing the matter as a cold business proposition, he favored the leasing of the plant at the meeting held yesterday, but today as an

apostle he was compelled to view the question from the moral standpoint and in doing so would vote against leasing. He hoped the brethren could see their way clear to continue in the management of the property, though it might be a losing proposition—and this for the sake of our young people.

Pres. Lund said that he was not in favor of leasing, as he believed very much good had been accomplished in the effort put forth to make of Saltair a temperance resort, and if we should put the property into other hands, he was afraid the enemy would take advantage of it. He, therefore, moved that the property be not leased. Seconded by Elder Clawson.

Elder Clawson said that he was well aware that Saltair was seriously suffering from a lack of patronage this season, but he thought it could be accounted for in two ways: namely, in the first place by the recedence of the water, and in the second place by the raising of the fare to 50 cts. He felt that the question of leasing was inopportune at the present time for the reason that the first evil mentioned was sought to be corrected by cutting up the present bath houses into sections and moving them out to deep water, and the second evil could be reached by reducing the fare to 25c, which he favored. He was always of opinion that it would be a difficult matter to get the fare up to 50c again. The leasing of the property meant the selling of liquor, and the odium attaching thereto would rest upon the authorities of the church and could not be shifted to the lessee. He was, therefore, in favor of Pres. Lund's motion.

Speaking of the matter of raising the fare to 50c, Pres. Smith said that the S. L. and Los A. Ry. Co. had been tricked by [Simon] Bamberger of the Lagoon. The latter had urged them to raise the fare to 50c because he intended to do so. It was afterwards learned that he controlled the Calder's Park property, and by this move hoped to draw custom that way; besides he was refunding to each passenger going to the Lagoon, the sum of 25c to be expended at the Lagoon.

Nephi W. Clayton said that he favored the motion if the purpose for which the pavilion was built could be accomplished, and also the purpose had in view by restricting the sale of liquor, but he very much doubted it. He remarked that there was quite a wide demand among our own people for beer at Saltair.

Jerry Langford, being called upon for his judgment, said that as a servant of the company he had nothing to say. Jas. Jack had nothing further to say than this; that a very good showing was made last year for the company notwithstanding the prohibition against liquor. The interest on the railway bonds, namely \$18,000, and 4% on the beach stock, namely, \$6000, had been paid. He thought this a good showing.

Elder Woodruff in view of the fuller information before the meeting favored the motion. The motion not to lease and also to reduce the fare to 25c was put and carried by unanimous vote.

Elder Clawson said that in view of the action [that] was taken, he was in favor of a vigorous campaign in the interest of Saltair. He was perfectly willing as an apostle to go to the people and ask for their patronage and support. There was a time when the apostles could not consistently do this, but every obstacle had now been removed. He advocated the propriety and importance of calling a meeting of the priesthood, separately, of the Salt Lake Stake, Granite Stake, Jordan Stake, and Davis Stake—and later perhaps others—and placing this matter before them strongly. The suggestion was adopted, and Elders Woodruff and Clawson were instructed to arrange for said meetings. Adjourned.

#### Thursday, 2 July 1903

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 10:20 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, the Patriarch [John Smith], and the clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "Praise Ye the Lord, My Heart Shall Join." Elder Jno. H. Smith opened, and Elder Teasdale was mouth at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "Judges Who Rule the World by Law." Minutes of June 25th were read and approved.

The clerk read a letter from the presidency of the South San Pete Stake, in which they represented that the conditions in the Gunnison Ward were such as to make a change in the bishopric very desirable. Bp. Christian A. Madsen is 82 years of age and quite feeble and besides for various reasons had lost his influence with the people. They recommended that Bp. Madsen be honorably

released, that the bishopric be reorganized, and that some financial help be extended to the bishop. Brother Clawson moved that the recommendations be adopted. Carried. The matter of assisting him was discussed. It developed that he had been a bishop there about 40 years and had ever been a good, faithful man. A motion prevailed to the effect that Bp. Madsen's debts be paid by the church and that he be allowed \$25.00 per month.

Pres. Wm. Jack of the Cassia Stake wrote, saying that George Creek had heretofore been a branch of the Yost [Almo] Ward, but he now recommended that it be organized into a [Yost] ward with Thos. H. Blackburn, Jr., as bishop. Upon motion of Elder Jno. H. Smith, the recommendation was adopted.

The clerk read a letter from Jos. L. Mair, Logan, in which he asked for some visitors to attend a German conference at Logan, July 5th. It was decided to ask Elder R. S. Wells and B. H. Schettler to fill the appointment.

Elder Jno. W. Taylor wrote from Canada, giving an account of a trip among the saints in the outlying districts. They expect to organize some branches of the church soon.

A letter from the Presiding Bishopric was read. They desired to know what should be done with the Cove Creek Ranch, as the present lease would expire at an early day. Should they look for a purchaser of the property or re-lease it? It was decided upon motion that the title to said property should be perfected and that it should be re-leased and not sold. Elder Reed Smoot was appointed to attend the dedication of the Bingham Ward house, July 12th.

### *Reports*

Elder Teasdale said that he visited Eureka Sunday morning and Mammoth Ward in the evening. At the former place the Sunday School was reorganized, and at the latter, a district conference of the young people was held. He took some of the stake from Nephi with him.

Elder Cowley held two meetings in Boise last Sunday—one in the afternoon and one in the evening. Attendance fair. A good feeling prevailed. Brother [Ezra J.] Merrill, the presiding elder, is doing a good work. Before leaving Boise, Elder Cowley held services in the penitentiary. There are, he said, some 20 investigators of the gospel in Boise. The Governor [John T. Morrison is]



not very favorable to our people. On Monday night held meeting at Nampa, which was fairly attended.

Elder Woodruff said that he attended a priesthood meeting Tuesday night at Sandy, Jordan Stake. The principal topic treated was amusements. Also touched upon the subject of tithing. Elder Woodruff said that he thought an organized effort should be made to stir the people up on tithing.

Elder Clawson said that in response to a very urgent request he attended meetings in the Hooper Ward last Sunday. In the afternoon he gave an account of the martyrdom of Elder Jos. Standing, and in the evening, an account of his imprisonment in the Utah Penitentiary. The meetings were largely attended, and good order and strict attention were given.

Elder Smoot spent Sunday at home, attending meeting at the tabernacle. Elder Hyrum M. Smith reported the Butte conference. He was accompanied by Elder R. S. Wells. They held a priesthood meeting with the Elders Sunday morning, there being 7 from Butte, and 2 from Anaconda present. Held public meetings in afternoon and evening. Meetings fairly well attended. The elders were called upon to speak in the afternoon, and the nine of them occupied but 15 minutes, so he concluded they were a weak lot. In view of the character of the elders and also the fact that there are no investigators in Butte, he advised Elder [Nephi] Pratt to withdraw them all but two.

The Patriarch attended services in the tabernacle Sunday afternoon and ward meeting in the evening. Pres. Lund attended the Sunday School session of the 17th Ward Sunday morning and the tabernacle meeting in the afternoon.

Pres. Smith reported a visit to the bedside of Sister Caroline Cannon last Sunday morning. There was a slight improvement in her condition. He administered to her. He attended the Cannon Ward Sunday School and the evening meeting of the 28th Ward. The weather being hot, they had a roasting time.

Pres. Smith said that he wanted to say a few words to the Twelve regarding Saltair. He felt that this property had been somewhat neglected by the brethren. We should use our influence with the saints to patronize the beach. Few of our people are going there at the present time. From 70 to 75% of those who visit Saltair are gentiles and tourists. The lack of patronage may be due in part

to the raising of the fare to 50c, which was done at the instance of [Simon] Bamberger, who said that he intended to advance the rate to the Lagoon. We have, however, reduced it to 25c, and we want our people to go there. The expense of keeping up the property has been very heavy. The painting alone this spring cost about \$3000, and it will cost another \$3000 to move the bath houses. We had an opportunity to lease for \$8000, but after due consideration determined not to do so, even if the church suffered a loss, for which action he was very thankful. The Twelve should use their influence in favor of Saltair.

In speaking of the matter of tithing, said that we were about \$18,000 short in cash tithing compared with last year at this time. He feared the saints were becoming somewhat slack in the payment of their tithes. The Twelve should bear this in mind while visiting in the stakes. However, the brethren should not make a hobby of it, but refer to it incidentally, and yet with intention, in their sermons. The main question is the preaching of the gospel. Was gratified, he said, with the financial condition of the church. We are gradually getting out of debt. There is very little note indebtedness to be met and between two and three hundred thousand dollars have been paid into the Bond Sinking Fund.

I want to see the day, said he, when we shall be freehanded to start the memorial building. We now have two important undertakings before us. First, we have pledged \$50,000 for the building of a hospital in connection with the \$20,000 left by Dr. [William H.] Groves. It is time the Latter-day Saints had a hospital of their own. Second, we have pledged ourselves to furnish \$100,000 to be used in getting the control of the Salt Lake City Street Ry. The church is largely interested in the Utah Light and Power Co., and the Street Ry. Co. have [it] in their power to cripple us in the matter of lighting. It is important, therefore, that we should move in the direction indicated. Pres. Smith expressed himself strongly to the effect that we must hold on to the enterprises in which the church is interested; otherwise, we will become like the other sects of the day. God does not so design. We must be men of affairs in building up Zion. Said that he did not want to enter into any arrangements or enter into any engagements without the full approval of all his brethren. We must be united in that which we do. I have no secrets

to withhold from the brethren. There are many things to be thought of, said he. The Sabbath day is constantly desecrated. Many of the younger children of the saints will be found upon the streets at all hours of the night, and children do not show that respect for their parents as they should. These matters should receive the attention of the Twelve.

Elder Smoot recommended that at the stake conferences the lesser priesthood be called together for instruction, which he thought would result in much good. He also referred again to the importance of organizing a home life insurance company.

Elders Woodruff, Cowley, and Jno. H. Smith were appointed to attend the Granite Stake monthly priesthood meeting tomorrow to talk up Saltair, and the brethren were instructed to attend the Salt Lake Stake priesthood meeting tomorrow night for the same purpose.

Elder Clawson referring to the quorums of seventies said that he had often wondered why there were no first quorum as the numbering appears to begin with the second. The revelation on priesthood (Sec. 107) seems to indicate that there should be a first quorum.

Pres. Smith said in reply that this matter had been thrashed out in the days of Pres. Taylor, and he decided that the presidents of the first sixty-three quorums, with the First Seven Presidents at the head, should constitute the first quorum, the quorum referred to as coming next to the Twelve. Brother Clawson remarked that the matter was not so understood by the First Council of the Seventies nor by the people generally, and in fact that the identity of this quorum is not recognized (or is practically lost) for the reason that they are never called together as a quorum, and it was a question in his mind whether these presidents of the first 63 quorums were aware of the fact that they constituted a part of the first quorum.

As the time was far spent Pres. Smith said that this matter would be called up again as he considered it an important question. Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Elder Woodruff.

#### **Tuesday, 7 July 1903**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 2 p.m. First session of the quarterly conference of the Twelve. Present: Elders Jno. H. Smith,

Geo. Teasdale, Jno. W. Taylor, Marriner W. Merrill, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, and Hy. M. Smith. Song, "Up, Awake, Ye Defenders of Zion." Prayer by Elder Woodruff. Song, "Come, Listen to a Prophet's Voice."

Elder Jno. H. Smith made opening remarks and said that he was pleased to meet with the brethren of the quorum, all of whom were present that could be reached. Spoke of the good work being done by Elders Lyman and Grant. He doubted not that they remembered us in their prayers, as we remember them. Conditions in the church are in fairly good shape. Spoke of the feelings of bitterness that have been aroused among the Swedish people of the church. It had been a question in his mind whether it was good policy to encourage a spirit of nationalism among the people of God. It seems to beget a spirit of clannishness, and there is some danger of these various nationalities—namely, the Danish, Swedes, Germans, and Swiss—breaking up into factions. It is certainly a matter that should receive careful and serious consideration.

Elder Hy. M. Smith followed. Said that he was in the hands of his brethren to be used as they saw fit in the service of the Lord. Was striving to magnify his calling and desired to do something to benefit the people of God. Felt that many of our young people were being affected by outside influences. Business men of the church in furnishing work should invariably give Latter-day Saints the preference, but this is not always done, for the reason that they are not skilled workmen. Given a chance, in many cases they would acquire the skill. Many of the employees of Z.C.M.I. are non-Mormons, and many of the [Mormon] employees are weak in the faith. Deprecated the spirit of faultfinding against the priesthood, which he has met in the church. Considerable fault had been found with Pres. Smith, his father, because of his remarks at the last conference in reference to lawyers, which remarks were misunderstood. Desired to see the spirit of union among the saints.

Elder Reed Smoot said that he hoped to receive strength and benefit from these meetings. Had talked somewhat with Pres. Smith in regard to the various nationalities among us. A great number of meetings held on national lines had come under his notice in the Utah Stake, and he was not aware of much good

resulting therefrom. One effect of keeping up these national lines is to keep a good many from learning the English language. Felt that when the proper time comes they should be discontinued. Suggested that a number of strong Swedish brethren be called to go among the Swedes and work a reformation. He never saw the time, he said, when there was so much indifference among a certain class of our people as now. Many are growing cold. The only way to keep the saints alive in the gospel is to keep them at work. Regretted to see so many enterprises and industries going out of our hands. Felt that the labors of the Twelve were effectual for good. There is a great work to be done in Zion as well as in the world.

Elder Clawson followed. (His remarks as here recorded were taken down by Elder Cowley.) Spoke of the unions among the saints nationally as tending to clannishness and detrimental to the spirit of the gospel. He agreed with the views expressed by Elder Smoot that these sectional feelings should be done away, and probably the discontinuance of national organizations would accomplish the desired result. Referred to the condition of the young people, largely bent on pleasure and pastime to the exclusion of the spirit of the gospel. Expressed his views relating to the recent priesthood meeting in the assembly hall of this stake, where the brethren made special reference to the control of our amusements, and thought it would result in great good. Spoke of the extravagant and senseless way in which the 4th of July is celebrated frequently among us. Referred in terms of approval of the recommendations of Prof. [Joshua H.] Paul on this subject at the 18th Ward meeting Sunday night, namely, that instead of individual families giving a display of fireworks, donations for this purpose should be given into the hands of a committee appointed by the ward, who would have general charge of the display for the benefit of the people of the ward. In this way much means would be saved and many accidents averted. Brother Clawson said that he thought the attention of this council should be turned very much for a long time in a special effort to improve the youth of Zion. Spoke of the benefits to be derived from meeting with the lesser priesthood and urging them to a performance of their duty. Felt that the quorums of the lesser priesthood were not conducted in a skillful and interesting manner. Made honorable mention of the labors of

Counselor Jos. B. Keeler of the Utah Stake presidency in this direction. Felt that the M.I.A. work, in respect to order and system and effective action, had some advantages over the Aaronic Priesthood meetings, because greater attention was being paid to them. Children should be kept under the control of their parents until they should be sufficiently trained in the spirit of obedience. Said that the practice of self-abuse existed to an alarming extent among the boys in our community who attend the district schools, and also, he doubted not, the church schools. He felt that the boys and girls should be properly instructed in regard to this evil. The matter could be mentioned to good advantage at our priesthood meetings.

Elder Abraham O. Woodruff felt that this question of national lines among our people [was] very important. He had noticed that the saints in the German organization were drifting into a spirit of indifference. The matter needs looking into. The present presiding officers do not have that weight and prestige among the Germans that is essential. Brother [Arnold H.] Schulthess is the most influential man among them. In his judgment these organizations should be discontinued. Brother Woodruff said that he enjoyed the spirit of his labors. Felt interested in all the subjects mentioned by the brethren. Spoke of his labors in Wyoming on the land question. The Latter-day Saints there will control from thirty to fifty thousand acres. Someday he thought our people would be in control of the state. Believed in getting possession of the earth and then holding on to it. There are about 2000 saints in the Big Horn Stake. Spoke of the new Granite Stake house, which will cost between forty and sixty thousand dollars. It will amply meet the demands of the people. The presidency of the stake are making an effort to accomplish this work without calling upon the church for assistance. Cost to date, \$15,000. Children, he said, should be under the strict control and authority of parents until they are old enough to be taught and to understand the gospel, after which they will be measurably safe. When discussion is invited in the council, he thought that the brethren should express themselves freely and without restraint, according to the judgment that God gives them.

Adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow. Benediction by Elder Clawson.

**Wednesday, 8 July 1903**

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. Continuation of quarterly conference of the Twelve. Present: Elders Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Jno. W. Taylor, Marriner W. Merrill, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, and Hy. M. Smith. Song, "High on the Mountain Top." Prayer by Elder Smoot. Song, "Come, Let Us Anew."

Elder Cowley was the first speaker and said in substance that he felt well pleased to be present this morning. Gave an account of his labors since the opening of the year to date. Had visited 21 stake conferences, and since he was called to the apostleship had paid all the stakes a visit except North and South San Pete Stake[s]. Found much pleasure and happiness in his labors and delighted to go to the distant stakes, where the people see but little of the brethren. Had ordained several bishops and a number of patriarchs this year. Referred to the spirit of Sabbath-breaking that is among the saints. Fully acquiesced in what had been said in relation to the young. He also thought the views expressed relative to nationalism among us [are] correct and proper. Said that a Josephite Swede has been preaching on the streets, seeking to win away those who are discontented among the saints. Speaking of the Mexican Mission he felt that some attention should be given to the Indians therein. Rejoiced in the work of the Lord. There is no time for idleness, for there remains much to be done.

Elder M. W. Merrill said that he had listened with much interest to the remarks of the brethren. Elder Jno. H. Smith had given the key in his opening talk. Had reflected somewhat upon the question of national lines among the saints and came to the conclusion long ago that said lines ought to be obliterated. In Logan a feeling was growing in the hearts of the Danish people that their dead should all be buried from a certain house. He had also observed a feeling of jealousy between the Danes and Swedes as to presiding. Thought the time ripe for a discontinuance of these national gatherings in the worship of the Lord. Because of their experience, the members of the quorum of the Twelve were pretty well agreed concerning this matter. He spoke in reference to the importance of furnishing employment to our people and in this connection dwelt upon the principle of cooperation. He organized the Richmond Co-op in 1866, and it had been running



ever since. This principle has been measurably lost sight of. Pres. Young advocated and promoted it, while [Henry W.] Lawrence, [William S.] Godbe, and others opposed its introduction. The co-op stores have had a tendency to concentrate business into the hands of our people. If we could go back to this manner of doing business, there would not be such a lack of employment in our midst. Felt well in spirit, but weak in body. His legs, he said, sometimes refuse to go. Endeavoring to set his family in order. His children consisted of 17 boys and 10 girls, and all were married and tithe-payers. If he had his life to live over, with the knowledge he now has, could probably do much better than he had done, but without that knowledge, didn't know that he could. He had managed to retain his standing in the church and the fellowship of the brethren, and this he felt was a grand thing.

Song, "O Say, What Is Truth?" Elder Jno. W. Taylor had listened with pleasure, he said, to all that had been said. Was in favor of discontinuing the meetings that are held in the various languages. Gave an account of his recent labors in Canada. It took 30 days to visit the outlying districts. The northern part of the Alberta Stake is growing rapidly. Felt that the stake should be divided. Pres. Smith suggested some time ago that he investigate the matter and report. This he had done. A few years ago where there was but a single ranch, there is now a flourishing settlement. The people there are prospering. Last year some \$33,000 was paid in tithing. A young man, who went to Canada recently, put in a section of land with wheat and will probably harvest some 16,000 bushels this season. The policy of calling people to colonize these new countries [is] a good one. Those who are thus called seemed to accomplish better results than other classes—for the reason in part that their wives accept the call as a mission and are, therefore, more contented in their minds. Crops in Canada are looking fine. The recent storms affected the stock interests to some extent, but were a blessing to the farmers. The stock losses occurred principally among the imported cattle, buttermilk calves, and newborn lambs. If the division were made into an eastern and western stake, the population in each would be about 3000 souls. Recommended Elder E. J. Wood for president of the western stake and Elder H. S. Allen for the eastern division, with headquarters at Raymond, at which point Brother Allen would establish a branch mercantile



house. He would not, therefore, be injured financially by the change. Elder Wood is a fine man, is well liked, and very popular.

Elder Geo. Teasdale said that he was very happy in these meetings. The union existing between the Presidency and apostles was one of the most powerful levers at our command. You will have noticed, he said, that when we have been one in spirit our enemies have failed in their designs concerning us. This had been an object lesson to him. The work in which we are engaged is of the Lord and he sustains it. The apostles enjoy the spirit of their calling, and a split in our ranks would be a terrible thing. He was not aware that there ever had been a time in the history of the church when the Presidency and Twelve were more fully and completely united than at present. The Lord is with his servants and every mission given them has been accomplished by and through the power of God. While in Mexico lately, was inspired to ordain a certain brother to the patriarchal office, but did not do so because it seemed to be a little out of order. For this neglect, he felt condemned. We should follow the promptings of the Spirit. Spoke of his visit to that distant land and also his former labors there and how he had enjoyed himself. Said that the saints in that country had been greatly blessed, because, as he thought, of their faithfulness and integrity to the principle of plural marriage. Referring to the principle of tithing, said that the people could not rob God, if the tithing did not belong to him. Endorsed the suggestion offered by Brother Clawson that an effort should be put forth to meet the evil of self-abuse among the young.

Elder Jno. H. Smith spoke in relation to a sentiment that is being worked up against the principle of plural marriage, which he deprecated. Brother Smith felt that it would be proper to interrogate the apostles, individually, which he did, as to whether they felt to sustain the authorities of the church and accept all the revealed principles of the gospel. The brethren answered heartily in the affirmative.

There being thirty minutes of the time left, Elder Smith gave each of the brethren an opportunity to again speak for five minutes. They availed themselves of the privilege and the talk turned upon the Manifesto, which was pretty thoroughly [discussed] as to its scope and application. Adjournment was taken until Sep. 29, 1903, at 2 p.m. Benediction by Elder Hy. M. Smith.

**Thursday, 9 July 1903**

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. 10:40 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Jno. W. Taylor, Marriner W. Merrill, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, the Patriarch [John Smith], and the clerk.

Elder Smoot's little boy, Harlow, commonly known as Brownie, being afflicted with an ear trouble resulting from scarlet fever, was brought in and administered to. Elder Jno. H. Smith anointed and Pres. Winder sealed the same.

The brethren clothed and sang, "Let Us Pray, Gladly Pray." Elder Merrill opened, and Elder Jno. W. Taylor was mouth at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "A Poor Wayfaring Man of Grief." Conference appointments: Beaver, Geo. Teasdale; Utah, Elder Cowley.

Upon request of Pres. [James E.] Steele, the Bingham Stake conferences were changed from Sunday and Monday to Saturday and Sunday. The question of dividing the Bingham Stake was discussed. Elder Woodruff, who had been there recently, spoke strongly in favor of it. He said that the distances between wards are long and for that reason many of the saints, and also frequently the ward authorities, failed to be present at the stake conferences. Elder Clawson, who had visited that stake a number of times, corroborated what Brother Woodruff had said and moved that the matter be taken up at the next conference in Bingham Stake by the brethren in attendance with a view to effecting the division, if all the circumstances justified it. Carried.

***Reports***

Elder Jno. H. Smith said that he delivered a Fourth of July oration at Taylorsville last Saturday. On Sunday attended the temple fast meeting in the morning and the funeral of Sister Caroline Cannon in the afternoon. In the forenoon of Friday last he attended a priesthood meeting in the Granite Stake with Elders Cowley and Woodruff, and in the evening the monthly priesthood meeting of the Salt Lake Stake at the assembly hall with Elders Cowley and Clawson. The matter of sustaining Saltair was strongly urged, and amusements generally were discussed.

Elder Teasdale attended a prayer circle at Nephi Sunday

morning, as also the session of the [Nephi] North Ward Sunday School and fast meeting in the afternoon. Elder Taylor reported his recent trip to Canada, in substance, about as he gave it in yesterday's meeting. Elder Merrill attended fast meeting at Logan last Sunday. Elder Cowley said that in addition to what Elder Jno. H. Smith had reported for him, he attended the 17th Ward Sunday School on the 5th. Elder Woodruff attended the Sunday School in Kamas Ward last Sunday and also the afternoon meeting.

Elder Clawson, in addition to what had been reported for him, attended a conjoint meeting of the young people in the 18th Ward chapel Sunday evening. Elder Smoot said that he attended fast meeting in Provo on Sunday. Elder Hyrum M. Smith attended fast meeting in his ward. The Patriarch said that he was in attendance at the funeral of Sister Sarah C. at Spanish Fork on Friday. President Lund spent the 4th at Ephraim but attended Sunday School at home. Jno. R. Winder attended both the fast meeting at the temple and the funeral of Sister [Caroline] Cannon on Sunday, as also did Pres. Smith.

The question of dividing the Alberta Stake was taken up. Elder Taylor made a clear and strong statement as to the situation in Canada and favored the division, recommending Elder Heber S. Allen for president of the eastern division and Elder E. J. Wood for the president of the western division. After considerable discussion it was moved that the Alberta Stake be divided and that Elder Allen be notified that he will be wanted for the eastern division, and that if he anticipates building a home, to locate it at Raymond; the matter of a president of the western division to be left until the next quarterly conference in Canada, when the division will be effected. Carried by unanimous vote.

Elder Taylor reported that the Canadian N. W. Irrigation Co. had contracted with the Canadian government for a large tract of land east of Lethbridge and desired to enter into arrangements with the First Presidency for its colonization by our people. It became the sense of the council that an effort be made to secure all the advantages we can for our people who care to settle on said tract of land, but that the church could not bind itself to furnish a given number of colonists to settle up the country in a given time. The matter was referred to the Presidency to take such steps in the premises as might seem best.

Pres. Smith spoke at some length of the practice among our people of playing cards. If it could be said that there is nothing wicked in a game of cards, it could also be said that there is nothing good in it, and it was a practice that might easily lead to evil. What surprised him most was that some of our prominent brethren engage in this pastime and defend it in public talk. He referred to one of the Seven Presidents of Seventies [B. H. Roberts], who advocated it as a means of keeping his children at home. Brother Smith said that he was opposed to card playing, which to say the least is a great waste of time. He knew a bright young brother who believed in cards, and from time to time, while engaged in the festive game, indulged in the use of beer, and from beer went to wine, then to strong drink, and then to jail. His downfall could properly be attributed to the practice of playing cards. This was one case among many. He did not think it a wise policy for Latter-day Saints to waste their time over cards. He was opposed to it and with the approval of the brethren proposed writing against the evil. He wanted to know how the brethren felt in regard to this subject. Pres. Lund thought card playing in our homes a very dangerous thing. It often times led to gambling. There was less objection in his opinion to a game of checkers or chess.

Pres. Winder was in hearty accord with Pres. Smith's views. He could not draw the line between card playing and checker and chess playing as Brother Lund had done, for the reason that, if a brother encouraged checkers and chess in his home, the children of another brother would point to him and say, why brother so and so has checkers and chess in his home and cards are no worse than these games.

Elder Clawson was opposed to card playing not because there was any harm in a simple game of cards but because of the evil that comes of excessive use of cards in the home. In speaking of checkers said that many years ago he became so infatuated with the game that he sometimes sat playing until two and three o'clock in the morning to the injury of his health. There were also other evils. Said that he had been informed that a member of the general board of the Y.M.M.I.A. had installed a billiard table in his home, thus affording young men who go there an opportunity to learn how to play, which might lead later to saloon playing and saloon

drinking. With such examples at the head, it is difficult to correct these evils in the church.

Elder Smoot said that he was in the habit years ago of playing cards but had given it up, as it certainly appeared a waste of time. Elder Taylor said that because of the attitude of one of the Seven Presidents on this question, the authorities in the Davis Stake had experienced a great deal of trouble with the young people. He felt that anything President Smith might say regarding this evil through the magazines of the church would have great weight with the saints.

Elder Cowley felt that card playing is not in harmony with the spirit of the gospel. He also pointed out some evils connected [with] the social clubs among the women of this city. He said that we have been warned in the scriptures to "beware of the leaven of the gentiles" [cf. Matthew 16:6] and would do well to heed the counsel.

Elder M. W. Merrill said that he had seen the evil of card playing for many years. It may not be a sin in itself but it leads to sin, oftentimes to strong drink and gambling. He could count on his fingers half a dozen families who had been ruined by card playing. He was opposed to the practice.

Elder Teasdale was opposed to card playing. In early life he was somewhat given to chess playing, but it worked upon his nervous system to that extent that he thought it wise to desist.

Elder Jno. H. Smith felt that evil would come from card playing, but what to substitute for cards, checkers, and chess in our homes, he did not know. However, he was opposed to card playing. Pres. Smith suggested that the substitute should be music, singing, good books, &c., that would tend to cultivate the mind and educate the heart.

Elder Hy. M. Smith was in hearty accord with the sentiments expressed by the brethren—especially in reference to cards. Did not see so much evil in checkers or chess. Pres. Smith said to him, "even taking that view of it, could you consistently advocate in public the practice of checker and chess playing?" He answered, "no."

The Patriarch was in perfect harmony with his brethren in this matter. Elder Clawson moved that it be the sense of the council that we discourage the practice of card playing in our homes,

among our kinfolk, and among the Latter-day Saints generally. Carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned. Benediction by Elder Clawson.

As usual the tables were spread and the brethren partook of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Elder Smoot being mouth in pronouncing the blessing. In discussing a political question that arose while we were at the table, it was conceded by the brethren that the present plan of electing United States senators—namely, through the state legislatures—was a safeguard to the liberties and rights of the people and that it would be an unfortunate, and possibly a disastrous, thing for the country should the time ever come when Senators would be elected by popular vote. The popular vote is a very uncertain quantity.

In speaking of the moral status of the world, Elder Clawson spoke of a statement made by Prof. [John M.] Mills, just returned from attendance at the University of Chicago, to the effect that it was claimed, if not actually conceded, that 85% of the students of the institution of learning consort with fast women. He further stated that one of the professors in addressing about two hundred of the students surmised that they had all indulged in intercourse with women, but if not he would advise them do so at the earliest opportunity. The only further advice he had to offer in the matter was that they go to a first-class house and thus guard against loathsome diseases. A young man at the university, who is studying for the ministry, admitted to his fellow student that he had refrained from illicit intercourse with women for three weeks but could stand it no longer.

Elder Geo. Gibbs offered the benediction and the brethren separated.

### **Friday, 10 July 1903**

Salt Lake City. Clear and hot. [During] Friday forenoon I finished closing the books of the Brigham City Roller Mill Co. In the afternoon, accompanied by Lydia and the children, I went to Saltair. It was Pacific Islanders day at that resort, and many people were there. The water being of a delightful temperature, the bathing was unusually good. Some exercises, representing the manners and customs of the natives inhabiting the islands of the Pacific, were given and proved to be quite interesting.

**Thursday, 16 July 1903**

Salt Lake City. Clear and hot. 10:25 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith and Jno. R. Winder, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Matthias F. Cowley, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, and clerk.

There was a little informal talk regarding socialism and the United Order. It was remarked by one of the brethren that the claim is made by many socialists that the acceptance of the doctrines of socialism would lead to the introduction of the United Order. It was asserted by one of the brethren that the socialists have many sympathizers among our people. Pres. Smith said that there was no power on earth that could possibly establish the United Order—this could only be done by the power of God, after selfishness is eliminated from our natures.

The brethren clothed and sang, "Let Those Who Would Be Saints Indeed." Elder Cowley opened, and Pres. Winder was mouth at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "Do What Is Right." The minutes of July 9th were read and approved.

The clerk read a letter from the presidency of the South San Pete Stake, in which they stated that Bp. Hans Jensen of the Manti South Ward had sent in his resignation, which they had accepted, and they now recommended Lewis C. Jar [Louis C. Kjaer] as his successor. Recommendation adopted.

Pres. Thos. E. Bassett asked by letter for the appointment of one of the brethren to act as orator of the day at their coming 4th [24th] of July celebration. Elder Cowley was appointed to fill this call, and the clerk was instructed to invite Dr. Jas. E. Talmage to fill a similar call at Boise.

Stake conference appointments: Bannock, the Presidency and Elder Cowley; Weber, Elder[s] Teasdale and Clawson; San Luis, Elder Jno. H. Smith; South Jordan Ward Conference, Elder Smoot and Pres. Winder.

Elder Clawson reported that in answer to his request the presidency of the Pocatello Stake had sent him a strong communication, addressed to W. H. Bancroft, mgr. O.S.L., regarding the troubles of our people at the O.S.L. shops at Pocatello. The letter was then read by the clerk, and it was conceded to be a splendid presentation of the case, but it was deemed advisable to have the statement revised in some particulars, and this duty was given to



the clerk, after which it should be sent to the presidency of the Pocatello Stake for their signature and then presented to Mr. Bancroft by the committee, namely, Elders Clawson and Smoot.

The clerk read a letter from Elder Jas. E. Robinson, president of the California Mission, in which he reported the work done in the mission for the month of June. The elders had visited, he said, the homes of 3205 strangers; revisited 1552 of them; distributed 6570 tracts; held 185 indoor and 91 outdoor meetings; baptized 2 children and baptized 9 members; tithes for the month were \$617.21.

### *Reports*

Elder Jno. H. Smith attended the Utah Stake Conference. Elder Teasdale said that he was in attendance at the Beaver Stake Conference. Besides the usual conference meetings, there was a priesthood and an M.I.A. meeting. Good time.

Elder Cowley attended the Utah Stake Conference and also held a meeting in Springville on Sunday evening. Elder Clawson said that he attended meeting in the Salt Lake tabernacle on Sunday afternoon. The speakers were Elder Chas. W. Penrose and himself, and the topics treated were Sabbath breaking and the principle of revelation.

Elder Smoot dedicated the new Bingham Ward meeting house on Sunday. He said that he instructed the president of the stake to release Bp. [William B.] Waters and call another to his place. Brother Waters does not want the bishopric and positively refuses to attend his monthly stake priesthood meetings and other duties.

Elder Hy. M. Smith was in attendance at the Utah Stake Conference. Pres. Jos. F. Smith said that he attended the funeral of Sister Forsythe on Sunday. Pres. Winder attended meeting at the Wilford Ward.

Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Elder Teasdale.

### **Monday, 20 July 1903**

Ogden, Utah. Clear and hot. 10 [a.m.] Continuation of [Weber Stake] Conference, Pres. L. W. Shurtliff presiding. Elder Geo. Teasdale. Topics treated. Plural marriage. The importance of making a good record. Sabbath breaking. Evil of card playing and round dancing. Short, interesting meetings.

2 p.m. Continuation of conference, Counselor C. W. Middle-



ton presiding. R. Clawson. Topics treated. The evil of disobedience and rebellion. Related some dreams bearing upon this subject.

We had a very interesting conference, but the weather was extremely warm and the attendance was rather poor. There is more or less a spirit of indifference to duty among the Latter-day Saints. Instead of going to the house of God upon the Sabbath day for worship and prayer, many go to the various summer resorts in search of pleasure and recreation, thus violating the express command of the Lord to "keep the Sabbath day holy" [cf. Ex. 20:8].

### **Tuesday-Wednesday, 21-22 July 1903**

Salt Lake City. Clear and hot. I spent these two days in Salt Lake City, working a portion of the time on the record of the genealogy of the patriarchs of the church.

On Wednesday at 10 a.m. I attended a meeting of the executive committee of the Utah Light and Power Co., and at 3:30 p.m. a meeting of the general board of the religion classes, and at 5 p.m. a meeting of the general board of the Y.M.M.I.A. In the evening I had a little talk with my son, H. B. [Hiram Bradley], and instructed him in regard to the importance of cleanliness in his personal habits, and especially with reference to washing his procreative organs at least once or twice a day. I told him that a neglect in this particular might lead to weakness and exhaustion.

### **Thursday, 23 July 1903**

Salt Lake City. Clear and hot; cloudy in afternoon. 10:20 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Marriner W. Merrill, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, Jno. Smith, the patriarch, and the clerk. Conference appointments: Juab, Elder Woodruff; Alpine, Reed Smoot; Emery, Elder Clawson; Cache, Elders Merrill and Teasdale.

The brethren clothed and sang, "Praise to the Man." Patriarch Smith opened, and Pres. Lund was mouth at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "Hark! Hark! Ten Thousand, Thousand Voices." Minutes of July 16 were read and approved.

The clerk read a letter from Pres. Lewis G. Anderson of the South San Pete Stake, in which he said that at a recent conference

at Gunnison, Bp. [Christian A.] Madsen resigned, and Elder Jas. Christensen was sustained as his successor with F. N. Swalsburg as 1st and Arthur Larson as 2nd counselors. The brethren to be set apart and ordained at the next quarterly conference.

A letter from Bp. Geo. R. Emery of the 16th Ward was read. He represented that Elder Lauritz C. Larsen, a recent arrival from the old country, now desires to borrow sufficient means to emigrate his wife and family, whom he left behind. The bishop said that so far as he knew Brother Larson is an honorable, upright man, and he recommended that the trustee-in-trust make him the loan. The matter was discussed. The only objection offered was that a favorable action would establish a precedent that others might take advantage of. It was finally decided that the loan be made through Bp. Emery.

### *Reports*

Elder Jno. H. Smith reported his attendance at the San Luis Stake Conference in company with Benj. Cluff, Jr. Said that it was the best conference he had ever attended there. Reported that Simeon A. Dunn, who had been severed from the church for fornication, had through repentance been restored to his fellowship and former blessings, he being mouth.

Elder Teasdale said that on Friday he attended a Relief Society special meeting in Nephi and on Sunday and Monday was present at the Weber Stake Conference. Elder Clawson was his companion. The attendance was light but a good spirit prevailed. Written reports were read from the various organizations, which were of an interesting character.

Elder Woodruff said that he attended a meeting at Pocatello a week ago Sunday and ordained Milo A. Hendricks, bishop of Pocatello, to succeed Smith Woolley, who had moved away. On Sunday last he attended some special meetings in Afton, Star Valley Stake, which were largely attended. On Monday a Relief Society conference was held.

Elder Clawson said that he also attended the Weber Stake Conference and could say as Elder Teasdale had said that the meetings were poorly attended. Many people who should have been at the tabernacle went out to the various pleasure resorts. The written report of the high priest quorum showed that with an enrollment of about 800 the average attendance was 80, and the

Relief Societies with an enrollment of 1200, the average attendance was 335. This, he thought, a very poor showing. Elder Clawson reported that while speaking Monday afternoon a sister in the meeting created quite a disturbance by whipping her little girl unmercifully. Brother Clawson called to her several times to desist, but she paid no attention to him, which attracted unfavorable attention to her.

Elder Smoot reported the reorganization of the South Jordan Ward with Thos. Blake as bishop, and Saml. E. Holt as 1st and Byron H. Beckstead as 2nd counselors. Pres. Winder was present.

The Patriarch attended meeting at the tabernacle. Pres. Smith attended the Bannock Stake Conference, held at Soda Springs in a bowery. The weather was windy. Meetings well attended, and the saints were pleased with the instructions given.

The reports were received and the labors of the brethren were approved. Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Pres. Smith.

#### **Friday, 24 July 1903**

Salt Lake City. Clear and hot. A general holiday. There is no formal celebration in Salt Lake, and consequently the people are flocking to the various summer resorts—Saltair, the Lagoon, Calder's Park, Liberty Park, and the canyons.

During the forenoon I took Lydia and Samuel and Lorenzo for a ride on the "Seeing Car." The distance covered was about 20 miles, taking in all the points of interest in and about the city. The car was crowded with tourists, who listened to a very interesting lecture provided for their information and benefit.

#### **Thursday, 30 July 1903**

Salt Lake City. Clear and hot. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Elders Geo. Teasdale, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, the Patriarch [John Smith], and the clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "Do What Is Right." Elder Clawson was mouth in opening, and Elder Woodruff prayed at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "Let Us Pray, Gladly Pray." The minutes of July 23 were read and approved.

There was some informal talk in regard to card playing. Pres.

Smith remarked that at the meeting of the general board of the Y.M.M.I.A. held last evening the question of card playing was discussed and upon motion of Brother Clawson it became the sense of the board that card playing be discouraged among our young people. Brother [B. H.] Roberts, he said, made a strong plea for cards, saying that he had always looked upon it as an innocent amusement, but nevertheless felt to accept the view expressed by Pres. Smith and would abide by the action of the board.

Pres. Smith informed the council that an application for assistance had been made by Mr. Fred J. Kiesel of Ogden for and in behalf of the Irrigation Congress that would meet in that city in the near future. Mr. Kiesel thought that the church and church business houses should contribute at least \$1500. Upon motion of Pres. Winder, Pres. Smith was authorized to lay the matter before the various church institutions and see what they would do and also make a donation for the church.

The clerk read a letter from Martin F. Saunders, president of the Samoa Mission. He reported that much good would be accomplished by the distribution of the Samoan Book of Mormon just issued from the press. He was greatly in need of some German-speaking brethren and sisters, who could be employed as school teachers.

Pres. Hyrum Goff of the Jordan Stake wrote, recommending that Jas. Glover be ordained a patriarch. Recommendation approved. A very interesting letter from Elder Francis M. Lyman, dated Berlin, July 13, was read. He gave an account of prevailing conditions in the German Mission. Stake conference appointments: Summit, Hy. M. Smith; Oneida, Elder Cowley; Jordan, Elder Clawson; Woodruff, one of the Seventies.

Pres. Smith stated that a suggestion had been made to the effect that the lower front room of the *Deseret News* annex be used as the temporary home of the Deseret Museum—or at least until the memorial building shall have been completed, when a permanent place would be found for it. The exhibits, he said, which are of great historical value, are serving no good purpose, being stored away out of sight. The question to be considered, said Pres. Smith, is this, Shall we sacrifice the revenue that might be secured from renting said room for the benefits that would necessarily arise through opening the museum. After some discussion it was de-

cided upon motion of Elder Clawson that the museum be taken into the annex.

### *Reports*

Elder Teasdale attended the Cache Stake Conference last week. Elders M. W. Merrill and Bp. [William B.] Preston were present. The attendance was light, but a good spirit prevailed.

Elder Cowley attended the Bannock Stake Conference two weeks ago. In company with Elder J. G. Kimball, was present at the 24th of July celebration at Rexburg. It was an occasion of considerable enthusiasm. A big parade was one of the features. The exercises were given in the uncompleted Ricks Academy. Brother Kimball and himself made short speeches. He also attended the Fremont Stake Conference at Rexburg, which was well attended. One of the topics treated was the Ricks Academy. After the conference Elder Kimball left for the Yellowstone Park.

Elder Woodruff attended the Juab Stake Conference held at Levan. The weather was roasting hot, and the meetings were poorly attended.

Elder Clawson attended the Emery Stake Conference held at Ferron Ward. In addition to the regular conference meetings, a priesthood and conjoint meetings were held. The attendance was crowded throughout. One of the topics brought prominently before the saints was the principle of repentance. The academy was also talked up. Held meeting at Huntington Monday night.

Elder Hy. M. Smith said that he attended the funeral of Sister Peter Reid on Sunday and the evening meeting in his ward. Noted that while the services were in progress that crowds of people passed the door on the streetcars headed for Calder's Park. Jno. Smith attended the Sunday School at the Reform School at Ogden last Sunday.

Pres. Lund said that he met with the old people of Ephraim on the 24th and on Sunday attended the Alpine Stake Conference in company with Elder Smoot. The Rev. Dr. [John D.] Nutting was present. The "reverend" gentleman is traveling through the country ostensibly for the purpose of doing missionary work but really for the purpose of getting evidence against polygamists. Elder Smoot "roasted" him in one of the meetings. Mr. Nutting, who was present, seemed not to relish it, but he richly deserved the just reproof that was given.



Pres. Winder said that he accompanied Pres. Smith, Elder Jno. H. Smith, and others to Provo last Friday to attend the celebration of the Sons and Daughters of the Pioneers. He attended the funeral of Sister Reid on Sunday.

Elder Clawson reported that Elder Smoot and himself had called upon Mr. [W. H.] Bancroft of the [Oregon] Short Line and submitted and read to him the letter from the stake presidency of the Pocatello [Stake] relative to the unfavorable conditions existing in the Pocatello shops as affecting our brethren. He seemed much interested in the communication and said that he would give the matter his personal attention.

Elder Woodruff read an extract from a letter written to him by Asahel Woodruff, president of the Northern States Mission, in which he reported that the work in his mission was prospering.

Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Elder Cowley. At 4 p.m. attended my regular weekly prayer circle at the temple. At 5 p.m. attended a special conjoint meeting of the Y.M. and Y.L.M.I.A. boards at the Beehive House.

#### **Saturday, 1 August 1903**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. At 8:30 went to the R.G.W. [Rio Grande Western] depot to take train for Sandy to attend the Jordan Stake Conference. The train was three hours late. At 11:30 a.m. I boarded the train only to learn after they had gotten fairly under way that no stop would be made this side of Provo. Here was a dilemma! However, I was dropped off at Mesa, where I boarded a train going north and reached Bingham junction at 12:45 noon. From this point it was 2 miles to Sandy, to which point I walked part way and by invitation rode in a passing buggy the balance of the distance. I arrived just in time for the 2 p.m. meeting, which was held in the Sandy meeting house, Pres. Hyrum Goff presiding.

Pres. Goff was the first speaker. Topics treated. The presidency of the stake united and hold weekly meetings. High council and home missionary meetings well attended and the brethren are doing a good work. The auxiliary organizations are doing well. The religion class is in its infancy. I followed and spoke upon the importance of the saints striving to meet every just obligation and to keep every promise made. Economy. I returned to Salt Lake in

the evening, arriving at 5:45 p.m. At 6:30 p.m. I took Lydia and the children out for a ride.

#### Thursday, 6 August 1903

Salt Lake City. Clear and hot. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Marriner W. Merrill, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, Jno. Smith, the patriarch, and the clerk.

Pres. Smith stated informally that a new sugar factory was in contemplation, the same to be erected between Rexburg and St. Anthony, Idaho. Pres. Winder, Jno. Henry, and himself would control about \$102,000 of the stock. If the Twelve, he said, desired a portion of these holdings they could have them. He felt that it would be a good investment. What the brethren did not want of this block of stock would probably be turned over to the church.

Song, "Children of Zion, Awake from Your Sadness." Elder Hyrum M. Smith opened, and Elder Smoot was mouth at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "Mid Scenes of Confusion." Stake conference appointments: Wasatch, Elder[s] Teasdale and Smoot; Bingham, Elder Cowley; San Juan, Elder Woodruff; South San Pete, Elder Hyrum M. Smith and Pres. Lund; Arizona conferences and Mexico, Elder Clawson. Minutes of July 30, 1903, were read and approved.

Bp. [Robert A.] Brighton sent in an invitation to the brethren to be present at the laying of the cornerstone of the 33rd W[ar]d meeting house next Sunday evening. The clerk was instructed to write him that some of the brethren would be there.

The presidency of the Granite Stake recommended that the following brethren be ordained to the office of patriarch: Amos Neff, Archibald Frame, and Jonas Johnson. Upon motion of Elder Clawson the recommendation was approved.

#### *Reports*

Elder Jno. H. Smith attended fast meeting in the 17th Ward last Sunday. Elder Teasdale attended prayer circle at Nephi Sunday morning, Sunday School at 10 a.m., another circle meeting between 12 and 1, and fast meeting at 2 p.m.

Elder Merrill attended fast meeting at home. Elder Merrill said

that he received a message from Clarkston last Monday to the effect that a young brother there had committed suicide, and the bishop [John Ravsten] desired to know what kind of a funeral should be held in his case. He replied that he should be buried quietly and without display. He did not know, he said, what the rule is, but this was the advice given.

Pres. Smith remarked that the policy heretofore followed respecting suicides is that they should receive a speedy and unceremonious burial. This policy was reaffirmed upon motion of Elder Clawson, except in cases where it is clearly shown that the suicide was out of his mind.

Elder Cowley attended the Oneida Stake Conference last week. The meetings were poorly attended. The majority of the bishops were present and a good spirit prevailed. With a new principal for the academy, the prospects for a liberal patronage for the coming year are good.

Elder Woodruff attended fast meeting at the temple on Sunday morning and at 2 p.m. met with the German-speaking saints. A week ago met with Pres. Lund and Pres. A. M. Cannon for the purpose of discussing the propriety of making a change in the presidency of the German meetings in Salt Lake City. It was finally decided to make no change for the present. He attended the 3rd Ward conjoint meeting Sunday evening.

Elder Clawson reported the Jordan Stake Conference held at Sandy. The attendance was fair. Reports from presidents of the elders and seventies quorums showed that a spirit of indifference seems to be resting upon the brethren of the church in many cases. One president represented that with an enrollment of 103 elders the average attendance was 15. There is a slackness among the brethren of the priesthood throughout the church, said Brother Clawson, that needs attention. During the conference Elder Jas. Glover was ordained a patriarch, Brother Clawson being mouth.

Elder Smoot explained his absence from the meeting last Thursday by saying that he helped to entertain Gov. [Benjamin B.] Odell of New York and party on that day. They seemed to be delighted with their visit. Brother Smoot attended meetings at home last Sunday.

Elder Hyrum M. Smith said that he attended the Summit Stake



Conference last Sunday at Kamas, which was very enjoyable. The Patriarch attended the monthly priesthood meeting of the Weber Stake on Saturday and spent several days thereafter in the stake giving patriarchal blessings. Hyrum M. Smith further reported that he ordained Robt. Jones of Hennifer a patriarch, while attending the Summit Stake Conference.

Pres. Lund attended the temple fast meeting last Sunday and the 17th Ward fast meeting in the afternoon. He also referred to the German organization and said that while it was desirable to reorganize with Elder [Arnold H.] Schulthess as president, at the same time, the brethren who had the matter under consideration felt that it would be better to let the matter stand without change for the present.

Pres. Winder attended the temple fast meeting on Sunday and Farmers Ward fast meeting in the afternoon. Pres. Smith was also present at the temple fast meeting and attended a conjoint meeting of the young people in the 3rd Ward in the evening.

Reports were received and labors of the brethren approved.

Elder Jno. H. Smith said that in his judgment the question of maintaining national lines among the Latter-day Saints needed serious revision. He called attention to the fact that many of our emigrants upon arrival here receive little or no care or attention. There is a neglect somewhere, said he, and it should be corrected.

Pres. Smith said that the rule governing in this matter is that none should emigrate, except those who have relatives or kindred to receive and take care of them. However, in all other cases it is clearly the duty of the Presiding Bishop to give the proper attention. The clerk was instructed to write Bp. [William B.] Preston regarding this matter.

Some of the brethren spoke of the tendency among our people to move out of the state to the injury of the cause politically and otherwise. Pres. Smith deprecated this tendency and said that it should be discouraged, and he further remarked that our people should be encouraged to learn trades and prepare themselves to take the positions requiring skilled labor that are constantly open to us.

**Friday, 7 August 1903**

Salt Lake City. Clear and hot. I spent the forenoon at the President's office. At 2 p.m. I was assisting Lydia at home in killing bedbugs in my folding bed. She was pouring benzine into the cracks and crevices, while I held the candle. Our little boy, Lorenzo, was sitting on the springs. By some accident the benzine was ignited, and we were in the midst of flame. My face and hands were touched, but I was not so badly burned as Lorenzo, who was badly scorched also on his face and hands. We had some difficulty in putting out the fire. Being fully insured we will recover the amount of the damage, namely, \$57.00.

**Sunday, 27 September 1903**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. I spent the forenoon quietly at home visiting with the wife. I attended fast meeting in the 18th Ward chapel at 1 p.m. The speakers were Elder John W. Taylor, Bp. O. F. Whitney, and myself. I testified to the truth of the gospel and showed that every blessing therein which is enjoyed by the saints came through the Prophet Joseph Smith under the Lord.

**Tuesday, 29 September 1903**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. I spent the forenoon at the President's office and was busy on various matters.

2 p.m. Quarterly conference of the Twelve. Present: Elders Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Heber J. Grant, Jno. W. Taylor, Marriner W. Merrill, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, and Hyrum M. Smith. Song, "Come, All Ye Who Are Called to Labor." Prayer by Elder Jno. H. Smith. Song, "Guide Us, O Thou Great Jehovah."

Elder Jno. H. Smith made opening remarks. Said that he was pleased to meet the brethren. All were present who could be reached at this time. Referred to the absence of Pres. Lyman. Spoke of the diversified labors of the Twelve. Said that the Latter-day Saints were making many friends in the world. Also referred to some of the agencies at home that were accomplishing good, such as the bureau of information, tabernacle meetings, &c. Regretted to observe a lack of faith among many of our young people and thought that some further and perhaps different plan should be adopted to reach them. Noticed that some of our returned

elders fall into the old grooves and lose interest in the work. The young must be reached through presidents of stakes and bishops of wards.

Elder Teasdale said that to him these meetings were delightful. Our union with the Presidency is pleasing to the Lord. The Savior enjoined it upon his disciples as a duty that they should love one another. In listening to the reports of the brethren, had noted the fact, which corresponded with his own experience, that the saints—very many of them—were neglecting their meetings. This might be due in part to the weather—as many things that go wrong are blamed to the weather. It is, however, an unfortunate condition. The authorities so far as he could see, however, are united. An immense amount of means is being expended by the saints for the erection of meeting houses, school buildings, &c. Was pleased to see Brother Grant at home again.

Elder Grant said that his release to come home was something of a surprise to him. He would a little rather have remained in Japan until spring, but nevertheless was pleased to be home again. The work in that land is beginning to open up. The elders can speak to some extent in the language and are attracting from 50 to 75 to 100 to their gatherings. Felt that a good work will be accomplished in Japan, but, if so, more elders will be needed. He expected, he said, to see Brother Lyman at home and expressed some disappointment. In view of the fact that we have the testimony of the gospel, the Latter-day Saints are a careless people. The tithing paid is not what it should be. Felt that it is the duty of the Twelve to carry the gospel to the nations. Said that he entertained the best of feelings towards the Presidency [and] Twelve and had noted the wonderful changes in the quorum, whereby Brother Lyman had now come to be president. He will have our unqualified support, and we will have perfect liberty and freedom in our relationship with him. Thought it might be a good idea to take up a labor with the wealthy Latter-day Saints upon the subject of tithing.

Elder Jno. W. Taylor said that he was pleased to see Brother Grant in our midst once more. Elder Taylor said that so far as he knew he was in fellowship with the Presidency and his brethren. Spoke of the duty of parents to their children; that they should teach them the principles of the gospel, night and morning. He

was very much in favor of devotional exercises in the home. Made some remarks about Elder Moses Thatcher. He could easily forgive him, he said, if he would repent, and so far as he was concerned, he was willing that he should have every blessing God designs for him. Elder Jno. H. Smith here remarked that Brother Thatcher "was willing to forgive the brethren the wrong (?) they had done him."

Minutes read and approved. Song, "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessings." Benediction by Elder Teasdale.

#### Thursday, 1 October 1903

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cool. 9 a.m. Meeting of the Twelve at the temple. Present: Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Heber J. Grant, Jno. W. Taylor, Marriner W. Merrill, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, and Hyrum M. Smith. Song, "Up, Awake, Ye Defenders of Zion." Prayer by Elder Merrill. Song, "Glory to God on High."

Elder Clawson was the first speaker. He said that he regretted his absence yesterday from the meetings, which was due to the fact that he was called to attend the funeral of the little baby of his sister's—Tessie Groesbeck, and in the afternoon he was under call from Pres. Smith. Referred to his recent trip to Arizona and Mexico, where he had attended four stake conferences in Arizona and one in Mexico, and five young men's conventions. Had greatly enjoyed his labors. Notwithstanding the fact that many were under the impression that the principle of plural marriage is dying out in the hearts of the people, he could testify that such was not the case in those southern stakes of Zion. The spirit of it seems to be working upon the hearts of the young people. One young woman in the St. Johns Stake of about 18 years of age, speaking for herself and a number of companions of the same age, said that they would much prefer to take a married man in the church who had proven his faithfulness and integrity than to marry a single young man who was untried.<sup>2</sup> The same spirit was upon the young people of Mexico. Brother Clawson said that he was in harmony with the

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<sup>2</sup> Clawson is probably speaking of Pearl Udall, whom he wed as a post-Manifesto plural wife in less than one year.

Presidency and his brethren, that he loved them with a love that exceeded the love of a man for his wife.

It was decided that when we adjourn, it should be until Jan. 5, 1904. Elder Jno. H. Smith made brief closing remarks and said that the brethren should make a strenuous effort to be present at these quarterly meetings and should allow nothing to detain them except sickness and death in their families or a call from the Presidency. Referred to the effort that is being made by our enemies to bring about old conditions in Utah and Idaho for political ends. The brethren must be wise. The minutes were read and approved. Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Elder Cowley.

At 10:15 a.m. the Presidency came in. Song, "Redeemer of Israel." Elder Smoot opened, and Elder Grant was mouth at the altar. Song, "I Know That My Redeemer Lives." Minutes of Sep. 24th were read and approved.

The clerk read a letter from Pres. W. A. Hyde and counselors of the Pocatello Stake regarding the trouble that had arisen between our brethren and the labor unions in the railway shops at Pocatello, and enclosing statements and affidavits from the brethren who had been discriminated against. The matter was referred to the committee, Messrs. Clawson and Smoot.

The names of members of the various general auxiliary boards that would be presented at the conference were read by the clerk and passed upon.

### *Reports*

Elder Jno. H. Smith attended the funeral of Sister Lees of the 16th Ward during the week and the fast meeting last Sunday. Elder Teasdale attended the Relief Society conference of the Juab Stake last Friday, prayer circle at Nephi Sunday morning, Sunday School in the [Nephi] North Ward, and a general meeting in the afternoon, and M.I.A. meeting in the evening.

Elder Grant was present at the temple fast meeting and attended the 13th Ward fast meeting in the afternoon. In the evening spoke briefly at the 18th Ward chapel. (The report of his missionary labors was postponed for the present for want of time.)

Elder Taylor attended Sunday School and fast meeting in the 18th Ward and in the evening attended a meeting in the 15th Ward. Elder Merrill, though not feeling well, had been able to attend his duties in the temple. Attendance there is fairly good.

He felt aggrieved, he said, while listening to the reports of the brethren, that he could make none himself because of bodily weakness. Felt to sustain Pres. Smith in the views he had expressed on the subject of card playing.

Elder Cowley attended the Malad Stake Conference last week. The young man who had been chosen bishop of Cherry Creek expressed a determination to move from the ward, hence he did not ordain him to that office. The young people of Malad are much addicted to the use of tobacco. Elder Woodruff attended a Sunday School conference last Sunday in the Weber Stake of Zion. The meetings were crowded and a splendid spirit prevailed.

Elder Clawson said that he had just returned from a seven weeks trip to Arizona and Mexico, and as he had sent in written reports from the stakes would not now enter into detail. Returned by way of California and visited the branches of the church in San Bernadino, San Diego, Los Angeles, San Jose, San Francisco, Oakland, and Sacramento. Pres. [Joseph E.] Robinson has the mission well in hand, and the elders are faithful and diligent, but there is a great indifference to religion on the part of the people. They simply do not want to hear it and have no interest in gospel subjects.

Elder Smoot said that in returning from Canada, he stopped over at Butte. He recommended that the elders be withdrawn from that locality, as it had been thoroughly canvassed and nothing at present is being accomplished. Attended fast meeting at Provo last Sunday. Elder Hy. M. Smith attended the temple fast meeting on Sunday and meeting in the Farmers Ward in the evening. The Patriarch attended the temple fast meeting.

Pres. Lund attended the temple fast meeting and lectured in the 17th Ward in the evening. The subject of his talk was, "Travels in Palestine." Pres. Winder attended the temple fast meeting and Farmers Ward in afternoon. Pres. Smith attended the temple fast meeting and afterwards a funeral.

Reports were approved. Benediction by Elder Grant. The tables were then spread with bread and wine, and the blessing was pronounced by Elder Grant, after which the brethren partook freely and with much relish and enjoyment.

After the Presidency had withdrawn and before the Twelve separated, Elder Marriner W. Merrill made a few remarks. He bore

testimony to the truth of the principle of plural marriage and said that the brethren of the Twelve should lay the foundation for their kingdoms in their youth and not wait until old age comes on. If we have a kingdom, we must ourselves lay the foundation for it. We could not expect to inherit somebody else's kingdom. Brethren, he said, do not neglect your opportunities; otherwise you may fail in securing a kingdom. This advice is for Brother Hyrum, and Brother Rudger, and Brother Woodruff. Those who will avail themselves of the opportunity when it opens up, will be crowned with glory and exaltation in the presence of God.

### **Tuesday, 6 October 1903**

At 12:30 noon a meeting was called at the President's office. Present: the Presidency and all the members of the Twelve, but Elders Lyman and Merrill. Pres. Smith said that the Spirit of the Lord had indicated to him that Brother Heber should be called to preside over the European Mission. It was moved and carried that the selection of the Presidency be approved. Carried. Elder Grant said that this appointment came to him in answer to a prayer offered up by himself in Japan.

Pres. Smith, in alluding to the vacancy in the quorum of the Twelve, said that he had made it a subject of prayer, for he desired the mind of the Lord respecting the matter. Many names of prominent families—such as Geo. Q. Cannon's, Daniel H. Wells', Wilford Woodruff's, Jno. Taylor's, Heber C. Kimball's, Parley P. Pratt's, Lorenzo Snow's, and others, although some of these families had been and now are represented in the quorum of the Twelve—had occurred to him, but his mind rested on Elder Geo. A. Smith. And as he considered the various names his mind always came back to that of Geo. A. Smith.

A motion was made to the effect that the selection of President Smith be sustained. Remarks were called for. Each of the brethren expressed himself as being willing to sustain and support the proposition, although it was pointed out that there would doubtless be more or less criticism indulged in unfavorable to the appointment, because the selection came from the Smith family. This was the view expressed by Elder Woodruff.

Elder Clawson said that he had always recognized the principle that propositions come from the head, and in matters of this kind



Pres. Smith was entitled to the inspiration of the Spirit. Inasmuch as Pres. Smith had named Elder Geo. A. Smith, he was prepared personally to sustain the nomination, although he had no doubt there would be fault found therewith; but on the other hand, he doubted if there ever had been an important appointment made that satisfied everybody and met with no criticism. It was generally conceded that Elder Geo. A. Smith was a young man of faithfulness and ability and worthy of the high appointment. The motion was put and carried by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Pres. Jno. R. Winder. (Note: Patriarch Jno. Smith was also present at the foregoing meeting.)

### Wednesday, 7 October 1903

Salt Lake City. Clear and beautiful. 10 a.m. Special priesthood meeting at the assembly hall. Present: the general authorities of the church, the presidencies of stakes, high councils, bishoprics of wards, and others, Pres. Smith presiding.

Pres. Smith was the first speaker. Topics treated. He reported briefly the conditions existing in the various missions of the world—to the effect that they were generally in a prosperous and healthy condition. In appointing brethren and sisters to the various offices of the church, the rights of bishops and the First Council of Seventies must be respected and there should always be a mutual understanding regarding these matters. Men should not be called for missions, who are in any manner disqualified, or in need of reformation, and good men should not necessarily be held back because they were needed at home. Good men are needed in the mission field as well. The deaf, the halt, and the blind should not be called to this labor, but good, strong, active men should be sought after.

Pres. Winder. Topics treated. Said that word had just been received to the effect that Elder Merrill is confined to his bed by sickness. Pres. Winder gave instructions regarding temple work and temple workers. Explained why the brethren of the Presidency were engaged in various business enterprises—it was not for personal profit but for the benefit of the church. One advantage sought after was the employment of our people.

Pres. Lund. Topics. The bishops should look carefully after



the deacons and teachers and keep them employed. Warned the brethren against immorality among the young. Elder Heber J. Grant spoke briefly of his labors in Japan and incidentally bade the brethren farewell in view of his early departure for Europe.

Rudger Clawson. Topics treated. Spoke upon the subject of church records and emphasized the importance of observing Record Day. He called attention to the fact that a committee on church records had been appointed and they were providing for the needs of the church in this respect, and he did not want the brethren to feel that any member of the church was authorized to get up forms for general use throughout the stakes. This duty devolves upon the committee. In the selection of a ward or stake clerk, if the choice lies between a good penman and inaccuracy or a poor penman and accuracy, invariably, said he, choose the latter.

Pres. Smith spoke briefly upon the importance of sustaining home industries.

2:30 p.m. Meeting of the Twelve and presidents of missions at the annex. Present: Elders Jno. H. Smith, Heber J. Grant, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, Jno. W. Taylor, Geo. A. Smith, and Pres. Jos. E. Robinson of the Cal[iforni]a. Mission, Ben E. Rich of the Southern States, Pres. Jas. Duffin of the S.W. States, J. G. McQuarrie of the Eastern States, Nephi Pratt of the N.W. States, Pres. [Joseph A.] McRae of the Colorado Mission, Pres. Asahel Woodruff of the Northern States.

Elder Jno. H. Smith said that he wanted a brief report from the brethren present respecting the missions over which they preside and their manner of doing things for the information and comparison of the Twelve and also for their mutual benefit.

In answer to this invitation each of the brethren reported. It was an exceedingly interesting meeting, and the reports clearly showed that we have some very bright, capable, active, wide-awake, progressive mission presidents in the United States, who are doing a great work for the Lord. And if they are not baptizing many people, it is not the fault of these men or the elders under them, but is rather due to the indifference of those who hear the word. The methods adopted by these brethren in the management of their affairs are admirable; they have matters well in hand and the

missions—most of them—are self-supporting. Each mission is greatly in need of more elders. The elders now in the field are neat and attractive in their personal appearance and hold forth on the streets and in respectable halls. Instructions were given by the brethren of the Twelve, and the meeting adjourned after a five hours' session.

#### **Thursday, 8 October 1903**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 10:25 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Heber J. Grant, Jno. W. Taylor, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, Geo. A. Smith, Jno. Smith, the patriarch, and the clerk. Song, "The Happy Day Has Rolled On." Prayer by Pres. Jos. F. Smith, and Elder Clawson at the altar. Song, "How Pleasant 'Tis to See."

Conference appointments: Beaver, Elder Hyrum M. Smith; Emery, Elder Cowley; Utah, Elders Grant and Taylor. The minutes of Oct. 1 were read and approved.

Pres. Lund moved that Elder [Joseph A.] Jones, whose name had been recommended for bishop of Cherry Creek, Malad Stake, be presented to the people of the ward. Carried. Elder Geo. A. Smith was then ordained an apostle in the quorum of the Twelve Apostles under the hands of the brethren above named, Pres. Smith being mouth.

#### ***Reports***

Elder Jno. H. Smith reported that he attended the general conference, as did all the other brethren. He also reported the meeting of the Twelve with the mission presidents and said that more experienced elders were needed in the field. Elder Teasdale assisted in setting missionaries apart yesterday. The other brethren reported their attendance at the conference.

Elder Woodruff read the notes that he had taken at the meeting of the Twelve and mission presidents, showing among other things the financial status of the missions in the United States. Most of them are self-supporting.

Elder Grant suggested that the headquarters of the British Mission, namely 42 Islington, Liverpool, be abandoned and new headquarters established with the erection of a new building. He

believed that he could raise by voluntary donation at least \$25,000 for this purpose before leaving and he had no doubt that he could raise a similar amount in Gt. Britain. The English people would certainly be as liberal in this matter as had been the Scandinavian saints for their headquarters.

Pres. Smith remarked that a strenuous effort was being made to cancel the church indebtedness and he did not want any move made that would affect the payment of tithes on the part of the saints. Elder Grant replied that he could raise the money in a way that the tithes would not be affected. It was moved and carried that this question go over until tomorrow morning at 10 a.m. at the temple. Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Elder Woodruff.

Pres. Smith withdrew with his counselors after instructing Elder Jno. H. Smith to deliver the charge to the new apostle. Elder Jno. H. Smith, addressing Elder Geo. A. Smith, said in part. You should understand that you are now wedded to a tie stronger than life or death. You are subject to the counsel and direction of the Presidency and your quorum, and your field of action is the whole world. You are to attend your quorum meetings regularly. It is presumed that you accept all the principles of the gospel and that you accept and sustain with your whole soul the First Presidency as now organized, and that you accept and sustain Francis M. Lyman as president of the quorum of the Twelve with the members thereof. You are to respond to the calls of the Presidency though it should take you from a sickbed, though it should cost you your life. The obligation is placed upon you to express when called upon clearly and boldly your views even though you may differ with your brethren, but you must in all cases submit to the decisions and judgment of your quorum. It is your duty to preach the gospel and lead an exemplary life. It is your duty to serve God and fear no man.

Each of the brethren present spoke briefly a word of counsel and welcome to Elder Geo. A. Smith, who in a few earnest words expressed his determination to magnify his apostleship. It became the sense of the council, that all matters which are brought by the President to the council should be discussed and decided here and not be referred back to the Presidency for action. It was clearly apparent that when the President submitted a matter to the council, he expected a decision and to immediately refer the

matter back to the Presidency, as had been done in some instances, would be in bad taste.

Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Jno. Smith, Pat.

### Friday, 9 October 1903

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cool. 10:20 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: the First Presidency and all the members of the quorum of the Twelve, except Elders Lyman and Merrill. Prayer was offered by Pres. Jno. R. Winder.

Elder Heber J. Grant gave a brief report of his labors in Japan. Among other things he said that more elders were needed in Japan—six at least; that the Japanese people are somewhat loose in their morals and he had, therefore, instructed the elders to travel two and two, and not to go alone; [that] he had published an announcement of the gospel and a tract written by Alma Taylor in the Japanese language, the announcement having been written by himself; that the people in that land are a very quiet people and are not given to hoodlumism; that their public buildings are fine; that he would recommend the release of Elder Horace S. Ensign at the end of another year and the appointment of Elder Alma Taylor to succeed him.

Elder Grant next took up the question of new headquarters for the British Mission. He was in favor of it and felt that a nice sum of money could be raised at home to be used in that direction. He said he would like Elder Jos. W. McMurrin for a counselor.

The brethren were asked for an expression on this subject. Pres. Winder said that he felt it would be wisest for Heber to defer this matter until he went to England, when he could look into the situation and then make such recommendations as might seem best. Did not think an apostle, in presiding over a mission, was in need of a counselor and, therefore, he did not favor the appointment of Elder McMurrin.

Pres. Lund said that he had listened with much interest to Heber's suggestion, but Pres. Winder had expressed his view in regard to the matter. Felt it would be wisest for Heber to go alone and take no counselor. Elder Jno. H. Smith said that in his judgment Pres. Winder had struck the key note regarding new headquarters in Gt. Britain. Elder Teasdale said that he was in harmony with the expression of Pres. Winder. Elder Taylor said

that the sentiments expressed were in accord with his views. Elders Cowley and Woodruff approved of the views already submitted.

Elder Clawson said that he had heard a great deal about 42 Islington, and that it had been many times reported that it was no credit to the church and brought no prestige. He felt that possibly something would have to be done sooner or later, but he did not think Brother Heber was in a position to make any recommendation whatever in the matter. After being on the ground, he would better know just what is needed and could then submit his recommendations. He did not favor the appointment of Elder McMurrin, who is badly needed at home.

Elder Smoot acquiesced with the views expressed. Elder Hyrum M. Smith was pleased with what had been said. He understood that 42 Islington had been renovated and improved and would do nicely for headquarters. He thought they should remain at Liverpool. Elder Geo. A. Smith said that in his judgment 42 Islington was no credit to the church, and while some changes had been made, there was great room for improvement.

Pres. Smith said that when he was presiding in England years ago, he was instructed by Pres. Young to hunt up new headquarters and to locate them either in Liverpool or London, giving the latter city the preference. He made an effort, but could find no suitable place without paying five or six times as much rent as they had been paying, and the matter was dropped. So far as location is concerned, there is no place equal to 42. Personally, he said he would like to see Heber go quietly and unassumingly and take charge of the mission without flourish of trumpets. Brother Heber does not need a counselor, but will need a good man for the *[Millennial] Star*. He wanted to say to Brother Heber, he said, and in fact to all the brethren, that they must not show favoritism in the field.

Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Pres. A. H. Lund.

#### Saturday, 10 October 1903

On Saturday I talked with Lydia in relation to the subject of plural marriage, and she expressed a willingness for me to take another wife provided that I should not take the step without her knowledge. I assured her that in case such a step were taken she should be fully advised.

**Thursday, 15 October 1903**

Salt Lake City. Clear and Cool. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Heber J. Grant, Jno. W. Taylor, Matthias F. Cowley, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, Geo. A. Smith, and the clerk. It was suggested by Elder Jno. H. Smith that Elder Geo. A. Smith be retained as president of the Y.M.M.I.A. of the Salt Lake Stake for the present. Adopted.

Pres. Smith said that he felt that the brethren ought to take a personal interest in Z.C.M.I., at least more than had been done. The directors—six of whom were present—should feel a special interest in the matter as to who the employees are and how they treat the customers. He had heard, he said, some complaints in this particular. Considerable discussion was indulged in regarding Z.C.M.I. and similar institutions.

Song, "Away with Our Fears, the Glad Morning Appears." Elder Geo. A. Smith was mouth in prayer, and Elder Lund was mouth at the altar. Song, "In the Sun and Moon and Stars." Minutes of Oct. 8 were read and approved.

The clerk read a letter from Elder Francis M. Lyman, in which he endorsed the recommendation of Pres. [Anthon L.] Skanchy of the Scandinavian Mission that a certain piece of property in the city of Stockholm (90 x 100 feet) be purchased for church purposes. The said property would cost about \$35,000 and was considered a splendid bargain. After considerable discussion, it was moved by Elder Clawson that the purchase be made and that the church advance sufficient means up to \$15,000 to secure the property, with the understanding that it be mortgaged for the balance. Carried.

Conference appointments: San Luis, Elder Clawson; Weber, Elder Hyrum M. Smith and Elder Cowley; dedication of Sandy meeting house, Pres. Jno. R. Winder and Elder Teasdale.

**Reports**

Elder Jno. H. Smith attended the Utah Stake Conference. There [were] the usual meetings and a conjoint meeting Sunday evening. Elder Teasdale went to Richmond Saturday night to visit Elder Merrill, who is sick. Found him much improved in health. Brother Teasdale attended Sunday School at Richmond in the

morning and general meeting in the afternoon and a seventies meeting in the evening.

Elder Jno. W. Taylor attended the funeral of Elijah Ellison on Saturday. Elder Cowley was present at the Emery Stake Conference held at Huntington Sunday and Monday last. Attendance fair. Found a little bad feeling among the brethren at Huntington. The bishop [James W. Nixon], he thought, was a little straight-laced.

Elder Clawson reported the attendance of Elder Smoot, himself, and the presidency of the Pocatello Stake at a meeting of the O.S.L. Ry. officials (namely, Mr. [W. H.] Bancroft and Mr. Calvin). All the information that could be obtained, relative to the situation at Pocatello regarding the attitude of the unions and the railroad co. to our brethren, was laid before them. They listened patiently and said that measures would at once be instituted to correct the evils complained of and that we would shortly hear from them. However, during the interview Mr. Bancroft candidly admitted that when it came to adjusting matters with the labor unions there were many difficulties in the way.

Elder Hyrum M. Smith in company with Elder Jos. W. McMurrin attended the Beaver Stake Conference. The attendance was poor, and things seemed to be pretty "dead" down there. Elder Geo. A. Smith said that he not only attended the Utah Stake Conference but also attended a meeting at Springville Sunday night. Pres. Winder attended a ward conference at Big Cottonwood last Sunday. Pres. Smith attended a funeral Sunday afternoon.

Reports were approved and the meeting adjourned. Benediction by Elder Cowley.

#### **Thursday, 22 October 1903**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 10:20 a.m. Meeting at the temple in the room of the First Presidency, it having been decided to hold our weekly meetings there for the present. The light is not so hard on the eyes of the brethren. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, Anthon H. Lund, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Heber J. Grant, Matthias F. Cowley, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, Geo. A. Smith, Jno. Smith, the pat., and the clerk. Song, "The Time Is Nigh, the Happy Time." Elder Jno. H. Smith was mouth in prayer, and Pres. Winder

was mouth at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "Come, All Ye Sons of Zion." The minutes of the meeting of Oct. 14 were read and approved.

The clerk read a letter from a Mr. [Allen C.] Sothorn of Independence, Mo., in which he made a tender to the church of 25 acres of the original temple lot of 65 acres at Independence at a thousand dollars an acre. Pres. Smith reported that Pres. [James G.] Duffin of the S.W. States Mission had been instructed to proceed to Independence at once and negotiate for said property being authorized to offer not to exceed \$20,000, but to get it for \$16,000, if possible.

Pres. Smith explained that during the lifetime of President Woodruff a guaranty had been given to Joseph Banigan for \$1,500,000. The honor and prestige of the church was behind said guaranty, but that during the Presidency of Lorenzo Snow, under the providence of the Lord in a miraculous manner, the said guaranty was released by the payment of what would be considered a trifling sum of money. At this point Pres. Smith exhibited the paper much to the gratification of all present.

The clerk read a letter from the presidency of the Malad Stake, in which they represented that Brother Oliver C. Hoskins, who had been recently operated on for gravel was not only in ill health but very poor financially. They recommended that he be allowed a regular monthly appropriation. After due consideration it was decided that he be allowed \$20.00 per month.

Stake conference[s]: Fremont, Elders Clawson and Hy. M. Smith; Juab, Elder Cowley; Cache, Elder Teasdale; Alpine, H. J. Grant and Geo. A. Smith; 3rd Ward, Salt Lake, Pres. Lund and Jno. Smith.

The Presidency of the Juab Stake recommended that Heber S. Olsen be appointed presiding elder of Mona. Adopted.

### *Reports*

Elder Jno. H. Smith reported that Elders Teasdale, Grant, and himself attended a priesthood meeting of the Jordan Stake at Sandy on Saturday and on Sunday attended the Weber Stake Conference. Hy. M. Smith, Reed Smoot, and Andrew Jenson were also present. They had an excellent conference. He visited the stake academy on Monday.

Elder Teasdale remained at Sandy for Sunday meetings. Elder



Grant attended the tabernacle meeting on Sunday and spoke and was present at the 13th Ward meeting in the evening. Elder Cowley visited the Oneida Stake Academy on Friday and on Saturday visited and administered to Elder Merrill, who, he said, is a little better but still in a poor condition.

Elder Clawson said that Elder S. B. Young and himself attended the San Luis Stake Conference Sunday and Monday. Found conditions favorable. The saints of San Luis have harvested about 60,000 bushels of wheat during the past season. The mill combine, however, dictates the prices paid for the products of the country down there. There is a movement on foot looking to the organization of a farmers union for the protection of the people.

Elder Geo. A. Smith held an overflow meeting in the Ogden 3rd Ward last Sunday. Elder Smith reported that the 23rd Ward, Salt Lake Stake, is dying spiritually and needs immediate attention.

Pat. Jno. Smith attended the tabernacle meeting on Sunday. Pres. Winder reported his attendance at the East Mill Creek Ward Conference last Sunday. Pres. Smith attended two meetings of the B. Y. College, Logan, on Saturday. There are, he said, some 300 students in attendance at the academy and are under excellent discipline. Attended the college Sunday School on Sunday and tabernacle meeting in the afternoon and Logan 1st Ward meeting in the evening.

Elder H. J. Grant said that while in Japan [he] learned that the council had decided to again divide the Salt Lake Stake and wondered why it had not been done, as in his judgment it was a very necessary move. Pres. Smith explained that for various reasons action upon this matter had been postponed. Elder Clawson called attention to the fact that if the division were made this year, immediate action would have to be taken or nothing could be done until next fall. A change of this kind should come at the beginning of the year with a margin of two months for preliminaries.

Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Elder Teasdale.

#### **Saturday, 24 October 1903**

[Rexburg, Idaho.] 2 p.m. Second session of the [Fremont Stake] Conference, Pres. Thos. E. Bassett presiding. Pres. Bassett. Topics treated. The people of the stake are prospering financially. Crops better than ever before. Many sugarbeets raised this season.

Counseled the saints to get out of debt. Organizations in good running order. The duties of acting teachers. Poor have been neglected. The stake academy progressing nicely, being almost completed at a cost of \$50[,000]. Some of the wards a little behind in their payments. Upwards of 200 students at the academy, 30% being from the outside wards, or rather stakes. Elder Hy. M. Smith. Topics treated. Bore his testimony. R. Clawson. Topics treated. Duties resting upon the teachers. The evil of indebtedness. Backbiting. Faultfinding.

After the meeting we visited and went through the new stake academy building and can say that we were more than pleased. It is a very handsome building, very commodious, well and substantially finished and furnished. It will accommodate about 600 students. It is a structure that will bring credit and prestige to the Latter-day Saints of the Fremont Stake and the other stakes that belong to this church school district.

7:30 p.m. Priesthood meeting at Flamm's hall with the sisters also in attendance. Pres. Bassett presided. The speakers were Pres. Bassett, Pres. Wm. Smart of the Wasatch Stake, Elder Hy. M. Smith, and myself. Some of the topics treated were: the importance of attending our priesthood and quorum meetings, integrity to the truth, and the condition of the apostate.

#### Thursday, 29 October 1903

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cool. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Heber J. Grant, Matthias F. Cowley, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, Geo. A. Smith, and the clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "High on the Mountain Top." Elder Cowley opened by prayer, and Elder Teasdale was mouth at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "A Poor Wayfaring Man of Grief." The minutes of Oct. 22 were read and approved.

The clerk read a letter from E. B. Tripp, Senr., who had been cut off the church some years ago for immorality and later restored and who now wanted his former blessings sealed upon him. After some discussion it was decided that his request be granted.

A letter was read from Elder Jos. J. Daynes, in which he asked for the privilege to practice on the tabernacle organ. Upon motion

it was decided that not only should the privilege be granted to Elder Daynes but also to Arthur Shepherd and other competent musicians of our faith, that we might have more than one in training for a time of need.

The presidency of the Nebo Stake wrote, saying that they had released Bp. [Marinus] Larsen and his counselors from presiding over the Spanish Fork 3rd Ward and recommended Elder Geo. Hales for bishop of said ward. Upon motion of Elder Clawson, the recommendation was approved.

Conference appointments: Wasatch, R. Clawson; Cassia, Elder Cowley; Bingham, Geo. A. Smith; Elders Jno. H. Smith and Hy. M. Smith were appointed to attend the Oneida Stake Conference, Nov. 7 and 8th. The clerk read an interesting letter from Elder Francis M. Lyman, addressed to Elder Teasdale.

### *Reports*

Elder Jno. H. Smith attended conference during the past week in Juab Stake. In addition to the regular conference meetings there [was] a conjoint meeting of the young people, a religion class meeting, and a priesthood meeting. A good spirit prevailed.

Elder Cowley was present on Sunday. Elder Teasdale and Elder Smoot attended the Cache Stake Conference. There was a fine religion class conference also held. Elder Grant attended the Alpine Stake Conference, which was poorly attended on Saturday, but crowded on Sunday. Affairs there are in fine shape.

Elder Clawson reported the attendance of himself and Elder Hyrum M. Smith at the Fremont Stake Conference held at Rexburg. Attendance at all the meetings very large, showing the necessity of a stake tabernacle, which the authorities of the stake expect to build in the near future. The crops have been heavy this season. The stake academy, now nearing completion and in use, is a fine building and will bring credit and prestige to our people in Idaho. It has cost about \$50,000, which is all paid up but \$6000. There are 200 pupils in attendance with accommodations for 600.

Pres. Lund attended Scandinavian meeting on Sunday afternoon and 3rd Ward meeting in the evening. The meeting house in that ward, he said, had been remodeled and now presented a beautiful appearance. Pres. Smith was also in attendance.

Pres. Winder attended conference in Farmers Ward last Sunday. Pres. Smith, besides going to the 3rd Ward, also attended the

funeral of Sister Shaw of the 17th Ward.

Reports were approved. Upon the suggestion of Elder Grant, it was moved and carried that two or three young men be called to take a mission to Japan. In view of the approaching city election, the brethren indulged in a political discussion at some length.

Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Elder Clawson.

### **Monday, 2 November 1903**

Heber City. Clear and cool. 10 a.m. Administered to the little boy of Brother Price, who is troubled with fits.

Also held a meeting with Pres. [William H.] Smart and Counselor Jos. R. Murdock and Bp. Wm. Daybell and a number of the brethren from Charleston for the purpose of organizing a prayer circle for that ward. Present 15. I made brief remarks in reference to the purpose and character of a prayer circle and presented the name of Bp. Wm. Daybell as president and Ernest Bate as secretary. Sustained. The brethren then robed, and I explained the signs and tokens [of the temple endowment ceremony] and took them through, after which prayer was offered at the altar by Bp. Daybell.

### **Thursday, 5 November 1903**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, H. J. Grant, Matthias F. Cowley, Rudger Clawson, Hyrum M. Smith, Geo. A. Smith, Jno. Smith, the patriarch, and the clerk.

Conference appointments: Wayne Stake, Elder Cowley; Oneida, Elders Jno. H. Smith and Hyrum M. Smith; Jordan, Elder Clawson. Minutes of meeting of Oct. 29th were read and approved.

The brethren clothed and sang, "Thou, Earth, Wast Once a Glorious Spot [Sphere]." Elder Hyrum M. Smith prayed, and Pres. Smith was mouth at the altar. Singing.

An application was made by the Preston 1st Ward for assistance to build a ward meeting house. They were now meeting in the stake academy, which is unsatisfactory, and they, therefore, asked for \$1000. The matter was referred to Elder Jno. H. Smith, who will attend the Oneida Stake Conference.

The clerk read a letter from the presidency of the Teton Stake,

addressed to Elder Cowley regarding the resources of the Teton Basin and the price of land.

### *Reports*

Elder Jno. H. Smith remained at home on Sunday and attended fast meeting at the temple and afternoon service in the 17th Ward. Elder Grant reported his attendance at the fast meeting in the temple on Sunday, also prayer circle, afternoon meeting in the 13th Ward, and evening meeting at the 18th Ward chapel. At 4 p.m. he spoke to strangers at the tabernacle.

Elder Cowley attended the Cassia Stake Conference and was accompanied by Elder Louis A. Kelsch. Had an excellent conference. During the conference he ordained Thos. H. Blackburn, Jr., a bishop and set him apart to preside over the Yost Ward.

Elder Clawson attended the Wasatch Stake Conference held at Heber City. Attendance large and good spirit prevailed. Pres. Smart [is] alive and active. On Monday organized a prayer circle for the Charleston Ward and at 12 noon attended the funeral of Sister Agnes Fisher of Center Ward, who met death by an accident, leaving a husband and seven children.

Elder Hyrum M. Smith attended fast meeting at the temple. Elder Geo. A. Smith attended the Bingham Stake Conference. The turnout was small on Saturday but large on Sunday. Many babies in evidence. Found stake in fair condition. Church population some 15,000 souls and stake needs to be divided. The stake presidency work in harmony.

Jno. Smith went to Preston on Wednesday to visit the sick and on Sunday attended the temple fast meeting. Pres. Lund attended the temple fast meeting on Sunday, as also did Pres. Smith, while Pres. Winder was not only at the fast meeting but attended meeting in the Farmers Ward in the afternoon.

The labors of the brethren were approved. Elder Clawson said that he had been approached by a bishop who wanted to know the view of the council in regard to the Word of Wisdom, as to whether it was now binding upon the church as a commandment, as thus saith the Lord. Pres. Smith replied that it is so regarded. Benediction.

At the close of the meeting Elder Grant was set apart under the hands of the brethren as president of the European Mission, Pres. Jos. F. Smith being mouth.

**Friday, 6 November 1903**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. I was engaged during the day, mostly, in writing a very important letter, the nature of which I do not care to mention here.

7 p.m. Monthly priesthood meeting of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion, Pres. Angus M. Cannon presiding. Pres. Cannon read a communication from the First Presidency in reference to the missionary classes taught in the church schools. In accordance with a previous understanding, I spoke and informed the brethren present that an effort would be made, under the approval of the stake presidency, to introduce the religion class work in the Salt Lake Stake. I commented on the character of this work. I was followed by Horace Cummings, who explained the six steps. Elder Henry Peterson also made a few remarks on the same subject. Pres Cannon endorsed what had been said and desired to know what bishops would like classes organized in their wards. Out of 35 wards two bishops responded. Bishop [George] Romney of the 20th Ward arose and threw cold water on the proposition. Altogether it was a bad showing for the chiefest stake in Zion.

**Thursday, 12 November 1903**

Salt Lake City. Snowing and cool. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Elders Geo. Teasdale, Matthias F. Cowley, Rudger Clawson, Hyrum M. Smith, Pat. Jno. Smith, and clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "Mid Scenes of Confusion." Elder Clawson prayed, and Elder Jno. Smith, patriarch, was mouth at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "Be It My Only Wisdom Here."

A letter was read from the presidency of the Millard Stake, in which they stated that Bp. Frank Hinckley of Deseret had sent in his resignation and giving as a reason that he was financially involved and could not give the bishopric that attention it demanded. The resignation was accepted and the brethren now recommended Hyrum S. Cahoon to succeed him. On motion of Elder Clawson, the recommendation was approved.

The clerk read a letter from Alfred Parsons, Auckland, asking for assistance in the emigration of himself and his intended bride to Zion. He promised to repay the amount advanced. The matter

upon motion was referred to the president of the Australian Mission.

Stake conference appointments: Nebo, Elder Teasdale; Bannock, Elder Clawson; to attend the funeral of Aaron Farr at Ogden this afternoon, Elders Jno. H. Smith, Geo. A. Smith, Hyrum M. Smith, and Jno. Smith.

### *Reports*

Elder Teasdale reported his attendance at fast meeting at Nephi two weeks ago, Sunday School in the morning, and conjoint meeting in the evening. On Friday he attended the exercises at the Snow Academy at Ephraim in honor of the Founder's Day. Last Sunday attended Y.M.M.I.A. conference at Nephi. Monday attended priesthood meeting in the Nephi North Ward.

Elder Cowley attended the Wayne Stake Conference last Sunday with Louis A. Kelsch. Most of the bishops were present, and a good spirit prevailed. Jos. Eckersley was ordained a high priest and set apart as 2nd Counselor to Pres. Willis E. Robison to succeed Elder [Hans M.] Hansen, removed. Elder [Gearson S.] Bastian was made first counselor. The people of that stake feel poor as a rule and want to move away.

Elder Clawson attended the Jordan Stake Conference and was accompanied by Elder J. W. McMurrin. The usual conference meetings were held with a meeting of the officers and teachers of the religion classes on Sat. at 4 p.m. and conjoint meeting of young people Sunday evening. Very good attendance all through and very good spirit. Friday evening he attended, he said, the priesthood meeting of the Salt Lake Stake with Elders Henry Peterson and Horace Cummings to present the subject of religion class work and ask the bishops of the stake to take hold of it. The matter had the endorsement of the stake presidency but met with a cold reception from the bishops, there being only two out of 35 who expressed a willingness to organize classes in their wards. Elder Clawson said it [he] thought it a very bad showing for the president of the stake, and the response of the bishops was similar with what would be called under different circumstances a "black eye."

The report of the other brethren was deferred for one week. Meeting adjourned. Before adjournment was taken, however, a letter from Pres. F. M. Lyman, dated Oct. 3, was read by the clerk. Bro. Lyman informed the brethren that a desirable piece of

property in Liverpool suitable for headquarters of the European Mission (a picture of the building and a rough draft of the dimensions being enclosed) could be purchased, he thought, for 1500 pounds. After some discussion Elder Clawson moved that the purchase be made and that Pres. Lyman be authorized to take whatever steps might be necessary in the premises.

**Monday, 16 November 1903**

Mound Valley, Idaho. Snowing and cold. 2 p.m. Continuation of the [Bannock Stake] Conference, Pres. [Lewis S.] Pond presiding. The authorities were presented and sustained. Pres. Pond announced that Elder Denmark Jensen, his counselor, had sent in his resignation for the reason that he had moved into another stake, and hence his name would not be presented. Pres. Pond gave notice that Thanksgiving day would be observed by the four wards in the new meeting house and read the program. He also made brief remarks and expressed regret that some of the reports concerning the priesthood of the stake were unfavorable. Read the rules that should be used in governing the new house. R. Clawson. Topics treated. Spoke in words of praise concerning the efforts put forth to erect the new house. The nature of sin; the commission of sin leads to spiritual death and our only deliverance is by the shedding of blood—even that of the Lord Jesus Christ. The evil of indebtedness.

**Thursday, 19 November 1903**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cold. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Joseph F. Smith, John R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and John Henry Smith, [George Teasdale, Matthias F. Cowley, Rudger Clawson, Hyrum M. Smith,] George A. Smith, the Patriarch [John Smith], and clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "Now Let Us Rejoice in the Day of Salvation." President Lund prayed, and Elder George A. Smith was mouth at the altar. The brethren disrobed and sang, "An Angel from on High."

The question arose as to how far the tokens and signs of the priesthood should be explained in a prayer circle. It was the sense of the meeting that we should go no further than an explanation of the signs. Minutes of Nov. 5th and Nov. 11th were read and approved.



Conference appointments: Box Elder, Elder Cowley; Millard, Elder Teasdale; South San Pete, Elder Hyrum M. Smith; Teton, Elder Clawson. Upon recommendation of the presidency of the Teton Stake, Elder [George W.] Hendrickson was endorsed for bishop of Driggs Ward.

Elder Benj. Cluff, Jr., wrote, saying that he had accepted an offer to take charge of the business of the Utah and Mexican Rubber Co. with headquarters in Mexico. This he had done with the approval verbally of President Joseph F. Smith. The action of President Smith was sustained.

Jos. W. McAllister, recorder of St. George Temple, wanted help to the extent of \$90.00 from the church to repair his two homes, which were in bad shape and leaking. It was decided to extend him a loan of \$90.00 and take his note for same. If he failed to pay the obligation, it would be forgiven him.

### *Reports*

Elder John Henry Smith reported the attendance of Elder Hyrum M. Smith and himself to the Oneida Stake Conference two weeks ago. They also attended the funeral of Aaron Farr last Thursday. Last Sunday attended the funeral of Sister Burnham, tabernacle meeting in the afternoon, and 17th Ward in the evening.

Elder Teasdale said that he attended the Nebo Stake Conference last Sunday and was accompanied by Elder George A. Smith. Had a good time. David Prior was ordained a high priest and set apart as 1st counselor to Bishop [George] Hales of Spanish Fork 3rd Ward. Elder Cowley attended meeting last Sunday at the Fielding Ward, Malad Stake.

Elder Clawson reported the attendance of Elder B. H. Roberts and himself at the exercises of Founder's Day at Oneida Stake Academy; and on Sunday and Monday attended the conference of the Bannock Stake at Mound Valley Ward, 30 miles north of Preston. The conference was held in a new meeting house now nearing completion. It is a beautiful house. Elder Denmark Jensen was not sustained as a counselor to President [Lewis S.] Pond for the reason that he had moved out of the stake, and he had taken this step without counseling with Brother Pond.

Elder George A. Smith attended the Summit Stake Conference two weeks ago. Good attendance. Good music. Opportunity

for doing much good in that stake. President Lund reported that he attended meetings at home two weeks ago. Last Sunday was reading manuscript. President Winder attended Granger Ward Conference two weeks ago and on last Sunday attended the funeral of Sister Burnham.

Reports and labors of the brethren approved. Meeting adjourned. Benediction by President Smith.

### **Friday, 27 November 1903**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, [and Anthon H. Lund,] and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Hyrum M. Smith, Geo. A. Smith, Jno. Smith, patriarch, and the clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "From the Region of Glory." Pres. Winder offered the opening prayer, and Elder Woodruff was mouth at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "Afflicted Saint, to Christ Draw Near." Minutes of Nov. 19 were read and approved.

Conference appointments: Tooele, Elder Teasdale; Panguitch, Elder Cowley; Bear Lake, Elder Clawson; Granite, Elder Hy. M. Smith. The Pocatello Stake Conference was postponed indefinitely that they might have opportunity to get the new meeting house at Pocatello ready for dedication. The clerk read a letter from Reed Smoot, in which he explained how he intended to make a defense on the question of unlawful cohabitation.

### ***Reports***

Elder Jno. H. Smith attended the Benson Stake Conference with Elder Seymour B. Young. Had a good conference. While there called to see Elder Merrill and found him feeling badly—most trouble was in his legs. Came down to the Box Elder Stake Conference on Monday.

Elder Teasdale reported the Millard Stake Conference. Had an excellent priesthood meeting Saturday night, also fine conference meetings, [and] conjoint meeting Sunday night. Ex-Pres. Ira Hinckley very sick but improved by the prayer of faith. Installed the new bishopric of Deseret, as follows: Hyrum S. Cahoon as bishop, with Wm. R. Black, 1st counselor, and Ed. J. Wicker, 2nd counselor. Wm. Beeston was ordained a patriarch under his hands.

Elder Woodruff said that he had attended the Sunday School

conferences in Arizona in company with J. M. Tanner, also the church schools at St. Johns and Thatcher. The diphtheria has broken out in Snowflake. Visited Juarez and made a tour of that stake in company with Jno. W. Taylor. J[ohn] E. Steiner was sustained as bishop of Pacheco.

Elder Clawson reported the Teton Stake Conference. The meetings were well attended there, being about 300 people present at each session. The church population of the stake is about 1700 souls. The following brethren were sustained as alternate high councillors: Geo. W. Tonks, Jas. I. May, and R[obert] G. Meikle; and the following brethren were sustained as the bishopric of the Leigh Ward: Geo. W. Hendrickson, bishop, Hans Peter Mack, 1st, and Jas. Henry, 2d counselors.

Elder Hy. M. Smith attended dedicatory services of the 28th Ward meeting house, Salt Lake Stake. Fine house and good service. Elder Geo. A. Smith was also in attendance. Elder Geo. A. Smith also attended the tabernacle service last Sunday.

Pres. Lund said that Pres. Smith and himself attended the South San Pete Stake Conference. During the conference dedicated the meeting house in Manti. It was an old house now finished off at a cost of \$9000. It makes a fine house as completed. The conference meetings were spirited. Pres. Smith offered the dedicatory prayer.

Pres. Winder attended ward conference at Hunter. Pres. Lund further reported that Hans Jensen of Manti was ordained a patriarch under the hands of Pres. Smith. Elder Jno. H. Smith said that the saints of Richmond, Benson Stake, were building a \$40,000 meeting house and had inaugurated the work without consulting the stake presidency.

Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Elder Teasdale. 8 p.m. Lydia, Eliza Madsen, and myself went to the theater.

### Sunday, 29 November 1903

Paris[, Idaho]. Clear and cold, but little snow on the ground. 11 a.m. First session of the [Bear Lake Stake] Conference at the tabernacle. R. Clawson. Topics treated. Forgiveness. S. B. Young. Topics treated. Forgiveness. Duty of the Seventy.

2 p.m. Continuation of conference, Pres. [William] Budge presiding. I spoke. Topics treated. The character of sin. The need

of repentance. S. B. Young. Topics treated. The importance of sustaining those whom we pray for. The fate of those who turn against the church. Tithing.

After the meeting I visited the new stake academy building, which is now in use. It is a fine structure and very nice in all of its appointments. Certainly all such buildings will bring credit to our people.

#### Thursday, 3 December 1903

Salt Lake City. Clear and cold. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hy. M. Smith, Geo. A. Smith, the Patriarch [John Smith], and the clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "Jesus Once of Humble Birth." Elder Teasdale opened, and Elder Smoot was mouth at the altar. In the conversation concerning Elder Smoot's case, it was decided that he should employ a home attorney to defend him at Washington, in connection with legal help on that end of the line.

The clerk read a letter addressed to Elder Clawson from the presidency of the Pocatello Stake, in which they stated that matters had greatly improved for the brethren employed by the Oregon Short Line Ry. Co.

Minutes of Nov. 27th were read and approved. The clerk read a letter from Ernest Rowe, representative of Frank Leslie's *Weekly*, in which he offered to publish an article from the church at \$600 per page. The offer was politely declined.

J. W. Paxman wrote that one of the bishops of his stake claimed that, in a case where a new supt. of the Sabbath School was needed, it was his prerogative to take the necessary steps to effect the change, whereas, heretofore, in the Juab Stake the stake supt. of Sabbath Schools had taken the initiative. It became the mind of the council that the bishop was right, but that in all such cases, he should act in conjunction with the stake supt. of Sunday Schools.

Stake conference appointments: Kanab, M. F. Cowley; North San Pete, Elder Teasdale and the Patriarch.

#### Reports

Elder Jno. H. Smith attended the Granite Stake Conference in their new stake meeting house on State Street. It is a beautiful

structure but somewhat deficient in acoustics. Last evening attended a meeting of the stake officers of the Y.M.M.I.A., Salt Lake Stake. Present [were] between 60 and 70 active, wide-awake, young men, and it is evident they are doing a good work.

Elder Teasdale said that Elder Geo. A. Smith and himself attended the Tooele Stake Conference. The meetings were poorly attended on Saturday but well attended on Sunday and a good spirit prevailed. He dedicated the Tooele tithing office.

Elder Woodruff said that he was also in attendance at the Granite Stake Conference. Elder Clawson reported the Bear Lake Stake Conference. Missed Saturday's meetings on account of poor R.R. connections. Sunday's meetings were well attended. Crops good this year but stock market in bad condition to the injury of the people. There is a little snow in the valley, and roads very heavy.

Elder Hy. M. Smith and Pres. Lund were both at the Granite Stake Conference. Reports approved and meeting adjourned. Benediction by Elder Jno. H. Smith.

#### **Friday-Saturday, 4-5 December 1903**

Salt Lake City. Weather cold and clear. I spent these two days mostly at the President's office, being engaged in various matters of business. I also wrote several important letters.

#### **Thursday, 10 December 1903**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cold. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Jno. W. Taylor, Rudger Clawson, Abraham O. Woodruff, Hyrum M. Smith, Geo. A. Smith, and the clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "The Morning Breaks and the Shadows Flee." Pres. Jos. F. Smith opened, and Elder Jno. W. Taylor was mouth at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "Up, Awake, Ye Defenders of Zion."

The clerk read a letter from L. P. Christensen, Richfield, in which he complained that his bishop would not give him a recommend to the temple and that the high council had sustained said action. He wanted a further investigation. The matter was referred back to the presidency of his stake. A letter from President Geo. C. Parkinson was read. He stated that Bp. M. W. Pratt of Fairview had been released, and he now recommended Edwin Bodily to

succeed him. Recommendation approved.

Pres. Wm. Seegmiller of Sevier wrote, saying that he was in ill health and felt that it would be wisdom on his part to winter in a warmer climate, also felt that his long administration as president of the Sevier Stake had told [toll] on him and that doubtless it would be a good move to reorganize the presidency of that stake, in which case he would willingly resign. The clerk was instructed to write him that a furlough would be granted, and that if his health did not improve, the reorganization alluded to would then be considered.

Conference appointments: St. George, M. F. Cowley; Sevier, Jno. H. Smith; Morgan, Elders Clawson and Geo. A. Smith; Salt Lake, Elders Woodruff and Teasdale.

### *Reports*

Elder Jno. H. Smith said that on last Sunday he attended the temple fast meeting, the 17th Ward in afternoon, and meeting at Forest Dale in the evening. Presidents Smith and Lund and himself attended the celebration ceremonies of the Idaho Sugar Factory on Tuesday forenoon and in the afternoon assisted in laying the cornerstone of the new sugar factory at Sugar City, Idaho, 3 miles north of Rexburg.

Elder Teasdale and the Patriarch attended the North San Pete Stake Conference last week and had an exceedingly fine time. Elder Taylor said that Elder Woodruff had reported his recent visit to Mexico. However, he would say that before leaving Juarez he attended a meeting called by Pres. Ivins, at which \$12,500 was subscribed to the new stake academy not yet begun, and this added to \$10,000 previously arranged for insured the success of the project. Last Sunday he was at Farmington where he attended meeting. Reported that Pres. [John W.] Hess is very dangerously sick; his bladder must be tapped every 15 minutes.

Elder Clawson attended the temple fast meeting and conjoint meeting of the young people at the 18th Ward in the evening. Elder Woodruff attended the temple fast meeting and the Sugar House Ward meeting at 2 p.m. An effort was put forth to raise means for the new Granite Stake house with good success—\$1500 was subscribed.

Elder Hyrum M. Smith attended the temple fast meeting in the morning and 31st Ward meeting in the evening. Elder Geo. A.

Smith was at the temple fast meeting at 10, at the 17th Ward at 2 p.m., and at the 18th Ward at 6:30 p.m.

Pres. Lund attended the temple fast meeting and the 17th Ward meeting at 2 p.m. and delivered a lecture in the 28th Ward in the evening. Pres. Smith attended the temple fast meeting in the morning and the Forest Dale meeting in the evening.

Reports received and labors of the brethren approved. Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Elder Geo. A. Smith.

#### **Friday, 11 December 1903**

Salt Lake City. Snowing and cool. In the afternoon attended a reception given by the temple workers of the Salt Lake Temple to Pres. Jno. R. Winder in honor of his 83rd birthday. The gathering was held in the Celestial Room, and there were present, besides the workers, Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Abraham O. Woodruff, Jno. W. Taylor, Rudger Clawson, and Hyrum M. Smith, and Geo. A. Smith, the Seven Presidents of Seventies, the Presiding Bishopric, the presidency of the Salt Lake Stake, and others. A very fine program, consisting of speeches, sentiments, and songs, was carried out. Many complimentary words were spoken concerning the life and work of Pres. Winder.

#### **Sunday, 13 December 1903**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cool. 6 a.m. Accompanied by Elder Geo. A. Smith, I left for Morgan City to attend the Morgan Stake Conference, arriving at 9:30 a.m. Snowing.

10 a.m. First session of the conference in the stake house. Opening remarks by Pres. Dan Heiner. Topics treated. Bountiful harvest this year. Saints enjoying good health. Elder Geo. A. Smith. Topics treated. Tithing. Spiritual blessings. The youth of Zion. Missionary work in Zion. Elder S. B. Young. Topics treated. The visitation of the Father and Son to Joseph Smith, the prophet. The martyrdom of Joseph and his brother Hyrum.

2 p.m. Continuation of conference, Pres. Heiner presiding. R. Clawson. Topics treated. Made some remarks concerning the new stake house in which we were assembled. The Bible, Book [of] Mormon, and Doctrine and Covenants. Dwelt at some length on the vision of the three glories. Disappointment constitutes hell.

Elder Geo. A. Smith. Topics treated. By the example of Sodom and Gomorrah, and the flood, and the life of Christ, he showed how the people of the world were destroyed by disobedience to the counsels of the servants of God. Word of Wisdom.

### **Thursday, 17 December 1903**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cold. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Jno. W. Taylor, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Hyrum M. Smith, Geo. A. Smith, Jno. Smith, the patriarch, and the clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "Thou, Earth, Wast Once a Glorious Sphere." Prayer by the Patriarch, and Jno. H. Smith mouth at the altar. Song, "Awake, O Ye People, the Savior is Coming." The minutes of Dec. 3 and 10 were read and approved.

Pres. [Stephen L.] Chipman invited Pres. Smith by letter to dedicate the American Fork school building recently erected at a cost of \$16,000 on Jan. 2, 1904. The President said he would make an effort to respond.

Appointments: Davis Stake Conference, members of the Presidency and Elder Geo. A. Smith; reorganization of the bishopric of the Lehi Ward, Elder Teasdale; Parowan Stake Conference, Elder Cowley; dedication of the Three Mile Creek Ward meeting house, Box Elder Stake, Elder Clawson. Bp. [George R.] Emery of the 16th Ward invited the brethren to attend commemorative services in honor of the Prophet Joseph Smith, Wednesday night, Dec. 24th, 1903.

Elder Taylor recommended the division of the Davis Stake. He mentioned the matter in view of the death of Pres. [John W.] Hess. No action was taken. Pres. Winder, however, expressed the view that as said stake was very compact in area and has a light membership—namely, about 4000—he could see no very good reason for making the division. Elder Taylor submitted a number of names that might be considered for the new presidency. The matter of reorganizing was left for the conference that convenes next Sunday and Monday. Pres. Smith intimated that he would be there.

### ***Reports***

Jno. H. Smith attended the Sevier Stake Conference. Good time. There is a strong sentiment, he said, in favor of dividing



Richfield into three wards. Salina Ward also needs a new bishop. He instructed them to make their recommendations to the council. Filled two vacancies in the high council and set apart some bishops' counselors.

Elder Teasdale said that he attended the 13th Ward Sunday School Sunday a.m. and Salt Lake Stake Conference afternoon and evening. Elder Jno. W. Taylor spent Sunday in Farmington. Elder Woodruff attended the Salt Lake Stake Conference. Had also assisted Pres. Frank Y. Taylor at the Granite Stake fair during the week.

Elder Clawson, accompanied by Elder Geo. A. Smith, attended the Morgan Stake Conference. Good attendance. Fine class of young people in that stake. Presidency united and meet once a week. Having a little trouble with Brother [Charles] Welsh, high councillor, who does not fully sustain the presidency. Good crops.

Elder Hyrum M. Smith attended a domestic conference at B. Y. University, Provo. There was a fine gathering of young people and good reports given in. Good showing on Word of Wisdom. The Patriarch said that he had been visiting in San Pete, where he gave a number of blessings. Last Sunday attended the Salt Lake Stake Conference.

Pres. Lund also attended the domestic conference at Provo and was pleased with the reports. B. Y. University the best conducted school in the church. He recommended Edwin Johnson for bishop of Mt. Pleasant. Elder Geo. A. Smith reported that the 15th, 23rd, and 12th Wards needed attention, as some very unfavorable conditions prevailed in those places. Elders Clawson and Geo. A. Smith were appointed as a committee to see Pres. A. M. Cannon and urge him to take some action in the premises.

Pres. Jno. R. Winder attended a ward conference at Murray last Sunday. Pres. Smith said that he had just received word from Elders Lyman and Grant to the effect that they had about closed the bargain for the new mission house and property at Liverpool.

Reports approved and benediction was offered by Pres. Winder.

### **Saturday, 19 December 1903**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. I spent the day at the President's office. During the day I received a very important letter, the

contents of which made me very happy. I also sent away to a "special" friend an important Christmas package.<sup>3</sup>

At 5:45 I left for Brigham City for the purpose of attending the dedicatory service of the new Three Mile Creek—or rather, the Perry Ward meeting house.

#### Thursday, 24 December 1903

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cold. 10 a.m. Meeting in the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Jno. W. Taylor, Marriner W. Merrill, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, Geo. A. Smith, the Patriarch [John Smith], and the clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire." Elder Geo. A. Smith prayed, and Elder Cowley was mouth at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "A Poor Wayfaring Man of Grief." Minutes of Dec. 17th were read and approved.

Pres. Wm. H. Seegmiller wrote, recommending the division of the Richfield Ward into three wards and suggesting the following brethren for bishops: 1st Ward, Heber C. Christensen; 2nd Ward, Virginius Bean; 3rd Ward, Geo. W. Coons. Also suggested the reorganization of the Salina bishopric with Carl Mattson as bishop; Koosharem Ward, with E. C. Bagley to succeed his father as bishop; recommended that the Vermillion Ward, which had been greatly weakened by removals, be reduced to a branch and attached to the Sigurd Ward. The recommendations were approved.

The clerk read a letter from Pres. L. S. Pond, in which he recommended Rasmus Jorgensen as bishop of Central Ward, Bannock Stake; and that Jos. T. Pond be sustained as his counselor to succeed Denmark Jensen, resigned. Pres. Pond said that he felt a delicacy in recommending his brother, because of the family relationship. Brother Clawson said that at the last stake conference there he had made inquiries about Jos. T. Pond of disinterested parties, and they all said he was by far the most available man for the place. The recommendation was approved.

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<sup>3</sup> Clawson here seems to be referring to his nascent relationship with Pearl Udall.

Pres. J[onathan] S. Page, Jr., of the Nebo Stake addressed a letter to Elder Cowley, in which he recommended that Elder Henry W. Barnett, who was unable to make a living but who was a good man and an able speaker and defender of the faith, be employed as a missionary to travel through the stakes preaching the gospel, and in return that he be supplied with board and clothes. The clerk was instructed to write him to the effect that it would probably be advisable to employ Brother Barnett as a home missionary in the Nebo Stake.

### *Reports*

Pres. Jno. R. Winder attended Forest Dale Ward Conference last Sunday. Elder Jno. H. Smith was at Lehi on Sunday. Elder Teasdale reported the division of the Lehi Ward into four wards. The people were well satisfied with the division and the brethren chosen.

Jno. W. Taylor attended the funeral of Pres. Jno. W. Hess on Saturday. Attended the Forest Dale Sunday School on the 19th and advised against the habit of our girls keeping company with gentile boys. In the afternoon was at Mill Creek and in the evening at Farmers Ward. Administered to a number of the sick during the week. Elder Merrill said that he had done but little visiting in the stakes of late on account of ill health, but had managed to attend to his duties in the temple.

Elder Cowley reported his recent visit to the four southern Utah Stakes. Said that the Panguitch Stake was behind in its auxiliary organizations and that the Kanab Stake is lame on the religion class work. At St. George the people are feeling well. It requires 1000 miles travel to cover the stake. The people are being urged to go into the business of raising seedless raisins, which can be done at a profit of \$150 per acre. Parowan Stake was under a peculiar spirit. The Y.M.M.I.A. had been weak but would now do better under a new superintendency. Chas. L. Adams was set apart as a high councillor, and Geo. Corey and Elder [William T.] Wilkinson were set apart as alternate high councillors. Elder Cowley collected \$586 as a donation to the Denver meeting house.

Elder Woodruff attended meeting at Big Cottonwood on Sunday, at which \$900.00 was raised for the Granite Stake house. Elder Clawson said that he dedicated the new Perry Ward meeting house, Box Elder Stake, on Sunday. It was a good substantial

building with a basement for amusements and an upper assembly hall for meeting purposes. The total cost was \$5224 [5223]—\$2450 [2425] of which was realized from the sale of the old meeting house, balance was paid in on donation. Elder Hyrum M. Smith attended the funeral of Pres. Jno. W. Hess on Saturday and Farmers Ward meeting in the evening.

Elder Geo. A. Smith reported the Davis Stake Conference, which he attended on Sunday. He also said that Elder Clawson and himself had consulted with the presidency of the Salt Lake Stake with reference to the 15th and 23rd Wards and learned that the 15th Ward would be divided up on the first of the year, part going to the 14th Ward and part to the 24th Ward, but that the name of the 24th Ward would be changed to the 15th. This action was made necessary by reason of the sale of the 15th Ward meeting house property and other lands adjacent there to the Oregon Short Line Ry. Co.; and also that the presidency of the stake had been looking for a long time for a successor of Bp. Geo. Jones, whose administration had been very inefficient. Bishop timber, they say, is very scarce in that ward.

The Patriarch attended the funeral of Pres. Hess, the 10th Ward Sabbath School Sunday morning, and tabernacle service in the afternoon. Pres. Lund was at the Davis Stake Conference on Sunday.

Pres. Smith attended the Davis Stake Conference on Sunday, also Pres. Hess' funeral. Yesterday attended a meeting of the Daughters of the Pioneers and in the evening he was present at a meeting in the 16th Ward, held in commemoration of the birth of Joseph Smith, the prophet.

Reports were approved. Elder Jno. H. Smith suggested that it would be wise for the apostles in visiting the stakes to confine their remarks to the preaching of the gospel rather than to refer to ministers of the gospel (?) in the world. Our enemies are watching for something to take hold of just at present.

Benediction by Elder Merrill. After the meeting Elder Merrill was administered to for his health. Elder Teasdale anointed and Jno. H. Smith confirmed the same.

**Thursday, 31 December 1903**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cold. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple.

Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Hyrum M. Smith, Geo. A. Smith, the Patriarch [John Smith], and the clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "Sing to the Great Jehovah's Praise." Elder Woodruff prayed, and Elder Hyrum M. Smith was mouth at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "Come, Let Us Anew."

The clerk read a letter from Elder Chas. B. Bartlett, president of the New Zealand Mission, in which he suggested the wisdom and propriety of establishing a high school in New Zealand under church auspices. The means for erecting a building and conducting the school could be raised, he thought, by donations from the saints there and the saints here in Zion, with some help from the church. Other denominations had instituted church schools as an aid to proselyting and were meeting with good success. The clerk was instructed to write to Brother Bartlett for further information as to what this move would cost, action being deferred for the present.

### *Reports*

Pres. Winder said that he was at the dedication of the Granite Stake tabernacle on Sunday. The building, which had been erected at a cost of \$64,000, was crowded to the limit, and Pres. Smith offered the dedicatory prayer.

Elder Jno. H. Smith attended a funeral Sunday morning and the tabernacle meeting in the afternoon. Elder Teasdale said that he attended a meeting of the presidency of the Juab Stake and high council at Nephi on Sunday. Elders Cowley, Woodruff, and Clawson were also at the Granite Stake meeting on Sunday. Elder Clawson spoke in the 24th Ward in the evening. Elders Hyrum M. Smith and Geo. A. Smith also attended the dedication of the Granite Stake house, as also did the Patriarch. Pres. Lund was one of the speakers at the dedication.

The division of the Davis Stake had been informally discussed. Elder Taylor had proposed that some wards be taken off the Weber Stake and be added to what would be the North Davis Stake, should this move be made. Pres. Lund moved that no wards be taken from the Weber Stake and added to the Davis Stake. Carried. Elder Hyrum M. Smith moved that the Davis Stake be not divided at

present. Carried. Benediction by the Patriarch.

2 p.m. I attended a meeting of the Utah Light and Power Co. This was one of the last meetings of the board of directors of that corporation prior to merging into the Utah Light and Railway Co. (namely, a merging of the Utah Light and Power Co. and the Consolidated Power and Railway Co. of Salt Lake City). The directorate of the new company will consist of 9 directors, of which the trustee-in-trust has the naming of three. Before the adjournment, he named Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund. This, of course, lets me out, but it will be seen that no better appointment could be made than the First Presidency.



*VIII. Diary Seventeen*  
*3 January - 5 October*

1904

*The Burden of Plural Marriage*  
*"Be Wise and Prudent"*

**Sunday, 3 January 1904**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool; slight fall of snow. I spent the forenoon at home, and at 3 p.m. Lydia and myself attended fast meeting in the 18th Ward chapel, Bp. [Orson F.] Whitney presiding. The speakers were Bp. O. F. Whitney and his two counselors, Elders Jno. T. Caine, J. G. Kimball, R. S. Wells, and myself. I spoke of the providences of the Lord toward his people in relieving the church from financial embarrassment, calling attention to the fact that one half of the church bond issue of one million dollars was called in on Jan. 2, 1904, and paid. A few years ago the credit of the church was poor; today it is gilt-edge. Felt that this was a matter for thankfulness at the opening of a new year. Said that the counsel of the First Presidency is for the saints to get out of debt. Bishop Whitney stated that the 18th Ward as a ward is free from debt.

**Tuesday, 5 January 1904**

Salt Lake City. Snowing. During the forenoon was engaged on the mill books.

At 2 p.m. I attended the quarterly conference of the Twelve Apostles in the temple. Present: Elders Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Jno. W. Taylor, Matthias F. Cowley, Rudger Clawson, Abra-



ham O. Woodruff, Hyrum M. Smith, and Geo. A. Smith. The brethren all spoke during the meeting, after the opening exercises and prayer by Elder Cowley. The principal topic of discussion was the present agitation in Congress over the Utah Senatorship—Reed Smoot's candidacy. The brethren were cautioned not to exercise the keys of sealing in plural marriage at present and to be wise and prudent in all their doings. Elder Woodruff offered the benediction. The meeting was adjourned until Thursday morning at 9 a.m.

#### Thursday, 7 January 1904

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 10:30 a.m. Meeting in the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Jno. W. Taylor, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Hyrum M. Smith, Geo. A. Smith, the Patriarch [John Smith], and the clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "O My Father." Elder Taylor opened, and Elder Clawson was mouth at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "What Glorious Things Mine Eyes Behold." The minutes of Dec. 31 were read and approved.

Stake conference appointments: Beaver, Elder Woodruff; Utah, Elder Teasdale; Emery, Elder Taylor. Elder Woodruff said that the Beaver Stake was in a bad condition spiritually, especially the Milford Ward, and asked if there were an[y] special instructions for him. Pres. Smith told him to do the best he could: if any changes could be made in the bishopric of Milford advantageously, to make them. Pres. C. N. Lund of North San Pete Stake reported that Elder Hans [Daniel] Rasmussen had been sustained as bishop of Mt. Pleasant North Ward.

The clerk read a letter from Jas. G. Duffin, president of the S.W. States Mission, in which he outlined the policy of the mission presidency in reference to the work to be done at St. Louis during the fair, subject to the approval of the brethren. Hall and street meetings would be held, lectures delivered, and church literature distributed. Prominent people from Utah will be expected to furnish most of the lectures. The expense of carrying on this work will be about \$150 per month or in all about \$5000 [\$500]. Some of the brethren doubted whether a move of this kind would

accomplish much with people who go to St. Louis wholly for pleasure, while others thought favorable action should be taken. After some considerable discussion, Elder Clawson moved that Pres. Duffin's letter be received and his plan, as outlined, be approved. Carried by unanimous vote.

Benediction by Pres. Lund, after which the brethren partook of the sacrament, which was blessed by Elder Taylor. While at the table Elder Jno. H. Smith reported to the Presidency that the apostles had met for their quarterly conference on Tuesday at 2 p.m., holding but the single session. Those present (eight in all) each spoke and expressed himself as being in harmony with his associates and with the Presidency and held himself in readiness to answer every call. Pres. Winder said that the brethren, as far as possible, should be in touch with Pres. Smith politically to avoid confusion.

Pres. Smith spoke of the courtesy that was due from the brethren to their seniors. It was a small thing, he said, but when the brethren were passing through a door, the juniors should step back and allow the seniors to pass ahead. He simply mentioned this as an illustration. Due respect should always be shown to those who are above us in the priesthood. The sacrament, he said, should always be passed to the presiding authority in a meeting first. Benediction by Elder Cowley.

#### **Tuesday, 12 January 1904**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cold. I went to Brigham City, where we held the annual meeting of the Brigham City Roller Mill Co. The profits for the 6 months ending Dec. 31, 1903, were \$3972 and a dividend of 6% was declared. The old board of directors was elected for 1904. At a later meeting of the directors Jos. M. Jensen was made president and I was made secretary of the mill.

#### **Thursday, 14 January 1904**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cold. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Jno. W. Taylor, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Hyrum M. Smith, Geo. A. Smith, and Jno. Smith, the patriarch. The brethren clothed and sang, "See How the Morning Sun." Elder

Jno. H. Smith prayed, and Pres. Winder was mouth at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "How Firm a Foundation." Minutes of Jan. 7th were read and approved.

Stake conferences: Weber, Elders Clawson and Geo. A. Smith; Bannock, Elder Taylor; San Luis, Elder Cowley; Sevier, Elders Teasdale and Hy. M. Smith.

### *Reports*

Elder Jno. H. Smith said that he attended the Utah Stake Conference Sunday and Monday or rather on Monday attended the funeral of Patriarch Jno. Tingey. Yesterday attended the funeral of Jos. Bull. Elder Teasdale attended the Utah Stake Conference. Fine conference and splendid priesthood meeting on Saturday night. Met with the religion class workers Sunday afternoon.

Elder Taylor was in attendance at the Emery Stake Conference, held at Castledale. Large attendance. Saints feeling well. Elder Cowley attended fast meeting at the temple two weeks ago and met with the people of South Bountiful in the afternoon. Last Friday attended a meeting in Preston, at which Elder B. H. Roberts spoke upon the subject of the Book of Mormon. Last Sunday attended a religion class conference at Logan, which was very satisfactory.

Elder Woodruff attended conference at Beaver last week and was accompanied by Frank Y. Taylor. While there reorganized the Milford Branch and made a ward of it with Jacob T. Tanner as bishop, W. J. Burns and Thos. G. Reed as counselors. Also organized a Sunday School and Y.M.M.I.A. and Y.L.M.I.A.

Elder Clawson attended meeting in the tabernacle in the afternoon and a meeting in the 18th Ward in the evening. Reported that he was very busy at present in closing the books of the trustee-in-trust for the year 1903 and expected to submit his report about Feb. 1st.

Elder Hyrum M. Smith said that he attended the funeral of Jos. Nicholson on Tuesday. Elder Geo. A. Smith attended the funeral of Elder [Thomas B.] Brighton (one of the streetcar men who was murdered) on Sunday afternoon. Elder Jno. Smith attended the M.I.A. meeting in Provo Sunday night and the funeral of Jos. Bull on Wednesday. Pres. Lund attended the funeral of Elder Brighton and spoke in the 17th Ward Sunday evening. Pres. Winder attended ward conference at Sugar House Ward on Sun-

day. Pres. Smith was in attendance at the Utah Stake Conference. He also attended the funerals of Patriarch Tingey and Jos. Bull. Reports were approved.

Pres. Smith spoke of the missionary work in Japan and said that reports coming from that land were not very encouraging. One of the converts was cut off from the church for attempted robbery and others had apostatized.

Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Pres. Jos. F. Smith.

#### **Saturday, 16 January 1904**

Salt Lake City. Cool. I spent the forenoon at the President's office and assisted the First Presidency in checking off the \$500,000 worth of church bonds redeemed Jan. 2, 1904. When the checking was completed the bonds were burned. A cancelled \$1000 bond was reserved for each of the Presidency and the Twelve and the Presiding Patriarch as a memento.

#### **Monday, 18 January 1904**

Salt Lake City. Snowing. 10 a.m. Continuation of [Weber Stake] Conference, Pres. [Lewis W.] Shurtliff presiding. David McKay, principal of the stake academy. Topics treated. Gave an excellent report of the work being done at the academy. R. Clawson. Topics treated. Power of attention.

2 p.m. Continuation of conference, Pres. Shurtliff presiding. Pres. Shurtliff was the first speaker. Topics treated. Gave a report of the stake. Said the presidency had visited all the wards recently. Special attention had been given to record keeping and to the lesser priesthood. Stake academy. R. Clawson. Topics treated. The new and everlasting covenant.

I returned to Salt Lake at 5:55 p.m. Expected an important letter that did not come.

#### **Thursday, 21 January 1904**

Salt Lake City. Snowing and cold. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Jno. W. Taylor, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Hyrum M. Smith, Geo. A. Smith, and the patriarch [John Smith]. The brethren sang, "Behold, the Great Redeemer Comes." Elder Teasdale

prayed, and Pres. Lund was mouth at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "Let Us Pray, Gladly Pray." The minutes of Jan. 14th were read and approved. Conference appointments: Cache, R. Clawson; Juab, Elder Geo. Smith; Alpine, Elder Teasdale; Fremont, Elder Jno. H. Smith.

Elders Taylor and Woodruff were appointed to visit the Sun River country near Gt. Falls, Mont., at the solicitation of the Great Northern Ry. people to inspect some lands offered there for sale. Pres. Asahel H. Woodruff was instructed, in answer to a letter, to use his judgment about leasing the Carthage Jail property for another year. Pres. Frank Y. Taylor wrote, recommending Edwd. White for ordination to the office of patriarch. Approved. Pres. [John M.] Baxter notified the council that Chas. Kingston had resigned his position as counselor because of removal to the Snake River country. Approved. Pres. F. M. Lyman wrote, saying that in all probability they would have to abandon the purchase of the new Liverpool office.

### *Reports*

Pres. Winder attended a ward conference at Wilford Ward last Sunday. Affairs in that ward were in good shape. Elder Teasdale said that he and Hyrum M. Smith attended meeting at Richfield last Sunday, at which time they set apart the three new bishoprics of that place: namely, 1st Ward, H. C. Christensen, bishop; 2nd Ward, V[irginus] Bean, bishop; 3rd Ward, Geo. W. Coons, bishop. The old bishopric of Richfield were taken into the high council. Elder Teasdale also effected a reorganization of the bishopric of the Salina Ward with Elder [Carl A.] Mattson as bishop.

Elder Taylor reported the conference of the Bannock Stake. Pres. [Lewis S.] Pond has things well in hand. His brother, Jos. Pond, was set apart as one of his counselors to succeed Denmark Jensen, removed. Some canal difficulties were settled under advice of Elder Taylor. The creamery industry is flourishing in Bannock. Elder Woodruff attended a young people's conference in Granite Stake last Sunday morning and in afternoon ward conference in Wilford Ward.

Elder Rudger Clawson said that he was in attendance at the Weber Stake Conference. Pres. Smith and Elders Jno. H. Smith and Geo. A. Smith were also present part of the time. Pres. [Lewis W.] Shurtliff reported that all of the 25 wards had recently been

visited by the stake presidency and high council. They had been giving special attention of late to the lesser priesthood and ward and stake records. Pres. Lund attended Scandinavian conference in the assembly hall on Sunday. Reports were approved.

Elder Taylor reported that the people of Fielding were in some difficulty regarding a new meeting house now in contemplation and also stated that Bp. [James H.] Hess of Fielding, though a good man, had lost his influence. He did not seem to be adapted to the bishopric. Elder Taylor was instructed to go to Fielding next Sunday with authority to adjust the difficulty and effect a reorganization of the bishopric.

Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Elder Taylor.

#### **Sunday, 24 January 1904**

Logan, Utah. Snowing and cold. 2 p.m. Continuation of [Cache Stake] Conference, Pres. [Joseph] Morrell presiding. Pres. Jos. Morrell was the first speaker. Topics treated. Special attention had been given to the lesser priesthood of late. Improvement in tithe-paying. Increased interest being taken in temple work. Block meetings. John Smith, the patriarch. Topics treated. Patriarchal blessings. Local patriarchs not only to bless the saints but also their own kindred. R. Clawson. Topics treated. Duties of the bishops. A bishop is an executive officer and should see that others do their duty; should foster and cultivate the talent and gifts of the gospel enjoyed by the saints. The liquidation of one half of the Church indebtedness.

#### **Thursday, 28 January 1904**

Salt Lake City. Clear and moderate weather. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Jno. W. Taylor, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, Rudger Clawson, Hyrum M. Smith, Geo. A. Smith, and the clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "Glorious Things Are Sung of Zion." Elder Cowley was mouth in prayer, and Pres. Smith at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "O Say, What Is Truth?" Conference appointments: Fremont, Elder Cowley; Cassia, Elder Seymour B. Young; Bingham Stake, Elder[s] Taylor and Jno. H. Smith; Wasatch, Elder Hyrum M. Smith; to visit Brother Merrill,

Elder Geo. A. Smith; South San Pete, Pres. Lund and Elder Clawson.

Pres. Smith said that Mrs. Arthur Brown had called to see [him] in reference [to] the matter of assisting the orphan's home, of which she is a director. Among other things she said that of the 2000 children taken care of in that institution during the past 19 yrs. 97% were of Mormon parentage and 3% of gentile parentage. Though not in a position to dispute this assertion, Pres. Smith said that he did not believe it. He requested Elder Clawson to ascertain the facts in the premises and report.

The presidency of the Granite Stake notified the council that they had decided to divide the Mill Creek Ward and had selected Jos. A. Cornwall for bishop of the new ward. The action of these brethren was approved.

Bp. Thos. R. Cutler requested by letter that the brethren who visit the Fremont and Bingham Stake Conferences next Sunday be instructed to encourage the saints in further efforts at beet culture. The brethren were so instructed.

### *Reports*

Pres. Winder said that he attended conference in the Taylor Ward last Sunday. Elder Jno. H. Smith went to Rexburg to attend conference, but the matter had been entirely overlooked and, therefore, no conference was held. Yesterday he attended the funeral of Henson Walker.

Elder Teasdale attended Sunday School conference of the Tooele, Davis, Granite, Jordan, and the Salt Lake Stake[s] last Sunday. Much good would result from this gathering, he thought.

Elder Taylor visited the saints of the Fielding Ward last Sunday. A feeling of harmony was brought about in relation to the new meeting house by deciding to erect a less expensive building. A change in the bishopric will be effected as soon as the president of the stake can reach the matter.

Elder Cowley reported his attendance at the San Luis Conference two weeks ago. On the way stopped at Denver and attended meetings. Also inspected the new mission house which has cost—lot and building—\$7000. While absent collected \$300 for the Denver house. Had a good conference. Constant improvement but slow. President [Albert R. Smith] of stake has a good deal of trouble with kickers. Last Sunday attended the Alpine Stake Con-

ference. Raised \$700 for the Milwaukee house. Presidency [is] wide-awake.

Elder Woodruff attended the Sunday School conference in Salt Lake. Elder Clawson attended the Cache Stake Conference Sunday and Monday. Large meetings. Bishops and auxiliaries reported. Pres. [Joseph] Morrell reported an increase of 11% in tithes for 1903 over 1902 or \$6000. Their total tithing being \$50,000. Home missionaries had done a good work in the wards.

Elder[s] Geo. A. Smith and Hyrum M. Smith were in attendance at the Juab Stake Conference. Meetings rather poorly attended but good spirit prevailed. Pres. Lund and Pres. Smith attended the Sunday School conference in Salt Lake on Sunday. Thought much good would result. Reports approved.

It was moved and carried that Elias Kimball be sustained as president of the new stake in Bingham County, Idaho, and that the name of the stake be Basalt, if acceptable to the people.

Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Elder Woodruff.

#### **Monday, 1 February 1904**

Ephraim, Utah. Clear and cool. At 9 a.m. I visited the Ephraim Academy and was present at the theological exercises. There was a large attendance of pupils, with Newton Noyes, principal, presiding. The speakers were Pres. Lund, Andrew Jensen, and myself. Later we visited some of the departments. A good spirit prevails in the school and a good work is being done. The enrollment is 227. Leaving the school we visited the new stake academy now in course of erection. The building material used is stone, brick, and lumber, and the structure when completed will have cost \$50,000. It is an important and splendid enterprise.

#### **Thursday, 4 February 1904**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cool; thawing. 10 a.m. Meeting in the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Elders Francis M. Lyman, Jno. H. Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Matthias F. Cowley, Rudger Clawson, Hyrum M. Smith, Geo. A. Smith, the Patriarch [John Smith], and the clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "See How the Morning Sun." Elder Hyrum M. Smith was mouth in prayer, and Geo. A. Smith at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "Lord, When Iniquities



Abroad [Abound]." Minutes of Jan. 28th were read and approved.

Conference appointments: Summit, Elder Cowley; Oneida, Elder[s] Clawson and Jno. H. Smith; Woodruff, Elder Hyrum M. Smith; Jordan, Elder Geo. A. Smith and Elder Lyman.

### *Letters*

Pres. [Lewis W.] Shurtliff reported that at a meeting of his high council it was decided to reorganize the bishopric of the Liberty Ward on account of the removal of the present bishopric. Jos. Ward was chosen for the new bishop. Action approved.

A communication was received from Elder C. R. Savage. He proposed that steps be taken to perpetuate the memories of Karl G. Maeser and Geo. Goddard by taking up a subscription to secure suitable monuments to stand over their graves. It was stated by one of the brethren that a movement was already on foot under the direction of the B. Y. alumni to perpetuate the memory of Karl G. Maeser. Upon motion the matter so far as it concerned Elder Geo. Goddard was referred to the Deseret Sunday School board, and so far as it concerned Karl G. Maeser to the general board of education. The sentiment of the meeting favored the suggestion made by Elder Savage. Elder Savage also suggested in his letter that some assistance be extended to Elder Henry W. Naisbitt, and it was decided to allow him \$25 per month.

### *Reports*

Pres. Winder reported his attendance at the Mill Creek Ward Conference last Sunday and the organization of the new Winder Ward with Jos. A. Cornwall as bishop, whom he ordained and set apart. Elder Geo. A. Smith visited Elder Merrill last Sunday and found him quite feeble; he has difficulty in walking and standing. Attended meeting and Sunday School at Richmond.

Elder Hyrum M. Smith said that he accompanied his father to Heber last week. The meetings were fairly attended on Saturday and crowded on Sunday. Pres. [William H.] Smart's new home was dedicated by Pres. Smith. Attended a meeting called for the purpose of examining the records of the stake, and they were found to be in splendid shape. Jos. W. Musser is the stake clerk. Bishops' reports made at the conference were fine—some of the best he had yet heard. At the conjoint meeting Sunday night the very best of order was maintained. The bishopric of Center Ward

was reorganized with Hugh W. Harvey as bishop.

Elder Clawson accompanied Pres. Lund to Ephraim, where the South San Pete Stake Conference was held. All the meetings were well attended and a splendid spirit prevailed. On Monday Pres. Lund and himself attended the opening theological exercises of the academy and afterwards inspected the new academy building, which is progressing nicely and when completed will be a fine school building up to date in all its appointments.

Elder Cowley said that he and Louis A. Kelsch attended the Fremont Stake Conference. One of the principal topics treated was the importance of beet culture. Brother Kelsch remained to organize some classes in religion, he representing the religion class board. Elder Teasdale attended Sunday School and meeting in the Nephi Ward last Sunday. His son [Russell Teasdale], recently returned from a mission, was with him.

Elder Jno. H. Smith reported the division of the Bingham Stake last Sunday with Elias S. Kimball as president of the new stake, which is called Blackfoot. The saints preferred that name to Basalt. During the conference talked up the beet culture. Elders Jno. W. Taylor and A. O. Woodruff and J. G. Kimball were also present. The dividing line between the two stakes is about 4 miles north of Shelley. Elias Kimball chose for his counselors, Lorenzo R. Thomas and Don C. Walker.

Elder Lyman said that last Sunday he was on the cars coming home. The Sunday before attended Sunday School at Boston with Brother [John G.] McQuarrie; attended afternoon meeting there. Visited his son [Richard R. Lyman] at Cornell University and while there invited President Shoreman [Jacob G. Schurman] to visit Utah. The invitation was accepted. Spent one day in Chicago with Elder Woodruff and 20 Elders.

Pres. Smith stated that the Presiding Bishopric had called on the Presidency [and] recommended that the Salt Lake Stake be divided into four stakes, the division lines to be Main St. and 3rd South. The time being spent, a meeting for 3 p.m. was called to consider this question of division and also to hear Elder Clawson's financial report for the year 1903.

Adjourned. Benediction by Elder Lyman.

3 p.m. Continuation of adjourned meeting. The same brethren were present as in the morning. The question of the division

of the Salt Lake Stake was taken up and discussed at some length. Elder Clawson moved that the Salt Lake Stake be divided into four stakes on the lines suggested by the Presiding Bishopric and made some remarks in favor of the motion. Pres. Lyman seconded the motion after a strong talk in favor of the division. The brethren stood as follows on the question: Elder Jno. H. Smith, doubtful; Elder Cowley, for division; Elder Geo. A. Smith, for; Elder Hyrum M. Smith, in favor of two stakes; Elder Teasdale, against division; Pres. Lund, against; Pres. Winder, for. Pres. Smith suggested that the matter be submitted to the presidency, high council, and bishopric[s] of the Salt Lake Stake to ascertain their feelings regarding the matter, and next Wednesday was appointed for a meeting. The Twelve were requested to be present at said meeting.

Elder Clawson submitted his annual report for 1903 of the financial status of the church. The showing made was most excellent and satisfactory. Below is given the substance of the report, which was quite voluminous, in general totals:

#### ASSETS OF THE CHURCH

Real estate	1,264,995.30	
Bank, R.R., and mer[cantile]		
stocks and bonds	1,612,813.06	
Cash on hand	210,930.48	
Bills rec. notes on hand	99,314.00	
<i>Deseret News</i> business	183,061.09	
Amt. in sinking fund,		
Church Bonds	80,095.32	
[missing asset	\$15,780.08]	
Total assets		3,466,989.33

#### LIABILITIES

Bills payable	130,318.00	
Church bonds	495,000.00	
Jackson Temple offerings	13,787.82	
Liverpool office drafts, money deposited		
to be paid in Liverpool	7,095.77	
Amt. due F. M. Lyman	348.94	647,350.53
		[646,550.53]

Surplus of excess of assets over liabilities, January 1, 1903	2,001,659.21	
Sundry items added to surplus during yr. 1903	188,543.74	
Net gain for the year 1903	629,525.85	2,819,728.80
Total		3,466,989.33

Upon motion of Elder Jno. H. Smith the report was received, approved, and order[ed to be] placed on file. Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Elder Teasdale.

#### **Wednesday, 10 February 1904**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cold. I spent the day at the President's office, being engaged in writing an important letter.

At 7 p.m. attended a meeting of the presidency of the Salt Lake Stake, the high council, and the bishopric[s] of the wards held in the assembly hall, Pres. F. M. Lyman presiding. Every ward represented. Opening exercises. Pres. Lyman stated the object of the meeting, namely, to take into consideration the wisdom and propriety of dividing the Salt Lake Stake into four stakes. Said the Presidency and Twelve had decided that it would be a good thing to do. Elder Clawson read some data showing the improvement made in stakes that had already been divided, in tithing and other things, and also made some remarks on the advantages of a further division of the Salt Lake Stake. Other speakers were Elders Hyrum M. Smith, and Geo. A. Smith, and Bishop Wm. B. Preston, who favored the division. The presidency of the Salt Lake Stake each made brief remarks and spoke in favor of the movement. Elder C. W. Penrose moved that we sustain the proposition to divide the Salt Lake Stake into four stakes. Seconded and carried by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned with singing and prayer.

#### **Thursday, 11 February 1904**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cool; thawing. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, John R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Prest. Francis M. Lyman, and Elders Geo. Teasdale, Matthias F. Cowley, Rudger Clawson, Hyrum M. Smith, Geo. A. Smith, John Smith, patriarch, and Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk. Brethren clothed and sang, "In the Sun [and] Moon and Stars."

The patriarch prayed, and Prest. Lyman was mouth at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "Our God, We Raise to Thee." The minutes of Feby. 4th, 10 o'clock meeting and 3 p.m. meeting, were read and approved.

Conference appointments: Nebo Stake, Elder H. M. Smith; Granite, Elder Teasdale; Blackfoot, Elder Clawson; Ogden Sunday School Union, Elder Geo. A. Smith; Anaconda conference, Elder Cowley; dedication of Denver meeting house, March 13th, Elder Cowley.

### *Reports*

Prest. John R. Winder attended temple fast meeting last Sunday at 10 a.m. and fast meeting in Farmers Ward at 2 p.m. Elder Geo. A. Smith reported the attendance of Prest. Lyman, Elder John H. Smith, and himself at the Jordan Stake Conference. Good spirit prevailed. Tithing report of 1903 very favorable. Two high priests were ordained during the conference.

Elder Hyrum M. Smith said that he attended the Woodruff Stake Conference last week. While there Thos. J. Tingey was ordained a high priest and set apart as second counselor to Prest. [John M.] Baxter, in place of Chas. Kingston, removed; John Cox set apart as a high councillor; D. E. Thackery and Joshua Ashton were set apart as alternate high councillors; Henry Hoffman was set apart as stake supt. of Y.M.M.I.A. President of the stake felt that their allotment to the Fielding Academy, namely \$3,000, was a burden upon the people. They had been assigned to the Fielding school district, but would much prefer the Logan school district.

Elder Clawson reported the Oneida Stake Conference. Said the meetings were crowded throughout. The Oneida Stake Academy building is inadequate for stake conferences. Looked upon said building as a veritable firetrap. The exit is very poor, and in case of a panic the passageway would be choked up instantly and many people trampled to death. Spoke of this in conference meeting and advised that another exit be provided. During the conference Edwin Bodily was ordained a bishop and set apart to preside over the Fairview Ward, Bro. Clawson [being] mouth; Lyman J. Lake was ordained a high priest and set apart as first counselor, Geo. C. Parkinson mouth; A. Willard Larsen was ordained a high priest and set apart as second counselor, Jos. S. Geddes mouth.

Elder Cowley attended the Summit Stake Conference, held at Kamas. Good conference. Talked up reservoir question. Some immorality in the stake. Tithing gradually improving. Elder Teasdale had been suffering from a bad cold and hence filled no appointment, but attended fast meeting at Nephi.

Prest. Lyman attended the Granite Stake priesthood meeting on Saturday, temple fast meeting Sunday morning, [and] Jordan Stake Conference Sunday evening and Monday. Also attended a meeting last night of the presidency, high council, and bishoprics of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion. The proposition to divide the Salt Lake Stake into four stakes was presented, the speakers being himself, and Elders Cowley, Clawson, H. M. Smith, Geo. A. Smith, and Bishop [William B.] Preston. The presidency of the stake also spoke in favor of the movement. Proposition to make the division was submitted and sustained by unanimous vote. A fine spirit prevailed in the meeting, and the brethren generally seemed pleased with the action taken.

John Smith, patriarch, attended temple fast meeting Sunday and the Smith family reunion on Tuesday. Prest. Lund attended temple fast meeting Sunday morning and Seventeenth Ward fast meeting Sunday afternoon. Prest. Joseph F. Smith attended temple fast meeting and the Smith family reunion on Tuesday. Wednesday was Smith day in the temple. Upon motion the reports were received and the labors of the brethren approved.

Elder Clawson renewed his motion made at the last meeting, namely, that the Salt Lake Stake be divided into four stakes, along the lines suggested by Presiding Bishopric. Seconded and carried by unanimous vote. Upon motion of President Lund the Twelve were appointed as a committee to take the proper step looking to a division of the said stake and report with recommendations to the council. Meeting adjourned. Benediction by President Lund.

At the close of the meeting the Twelve met to consider the matter of division. It was decided that the priesthood of the southeast Salt Lake Stake be called together February 23rd, and that while in session that they be asked to submit fifty names of the best men in that locality. It was further decided that the Twelve and stake presidency of the present Salt Lake Stake meet on February 24th and select the presidency of the stake, the high council, and presidency of the high priests' quorum of the Salt

Lake Southeast Stake from the fifty names furnished; and that the action of the brethren be submitted to the First Presidency and Twelve [on] February 25th; and that a meeting be called of the people of the Salt Lake Southeast Stake [on] February 26th to perfect the organization. It was further decided that this arrangement be carried out each week until the four stakes should be organized. Meeting adjourned.

**Sunday-Wednesday, 14-17 February 1904**

Salt Lake City. Weather cold and stormy part of the time. Our baby [Lydia] has been very seriously sick during these four days. Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday nights we were up with her all night long, but this (Wednesday) evening she is much improved, and we trust is beyond the danger point.

Last evening I attended a meeting of the board of directors of the Salt Lake Knitting Works. The principal item of business was the proposed consolidation of the Salt Lake and Western Knitting Works. Wm. Smart and Secretary Smith of the Western Co. were present. It was quite apparent from the discussion that the consolidation would be more greatly to the advantage of the Western Co. than to the Salt Lake Co. The matter was finally referred to the executive committee with the manager and Saml. G. Spencer associated to take up the question and report their findings to the board.

**Thursday, 18 February 1904**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Elders Matthias F. Cowley, Rudger Clawson, Hyrum M. Smith, Geo. A. Smith, Jno. Smith, the patriarch, and the clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "Twas on That Dark, That Solemn Night." Elder Clawson opened by prayer, and Elder Cowley was mouth at the altar. Song, "For the Strength of the Hills We Bless Thee." Minutes of Feb. 11, 1904, were read and approved. Conference appointments: Box Elder, Elders Clawson and Hy. M. Smith; Benson, Elder Geo. A. Smith; Millard, Pres. Lyman; Butte, Elder Cowley.

Pres. [William] Budge of Bear Lake recommended Saml. W. Hart for bishop of the Raymond Ward. Approved. Names for the

new stakes were discussed. It was finally moved by Pres. Winder and seconded by Elder Clawson that the following names be adopted, commencing at the N.W. division: Salt Lake, Ensign, Liberty, and Pioneer.

The clerk read a letter from Chris Christensen of Brigham City addressed to Elder Jno. H. Smith, in which he referred to the trouble that had arisen between himself and partner C. O. Anderson regarding the erection of an opera house contrary to the counsel of the presidency of the stake. The matter was referred to Elders Clawson and Hy. M. Smith, who had been appointed to attend the Box Elder Stake Conference.

### *Reports*

Elder Geo. A. Smith attended a convention of Sunday School officers and teachers at Ogden last Sunday and in the evening attended a meeting in the Fourth Ward. Elder Hyrum M. Smith reported the conference held in Blackfoot, the new stake. They completed the organization. The people were hungry for the gospel. A. P. Jensen was set apart as a high councillor; Jos. G. Johnson, an alternate high councillor; Griffith E. Williams, an alternate high councillor; R. Belnap, pres. of the high priest quorum. Elder Smith handed a list of minor officials to the clerk.

Elder Clawson attended conference at Payson, Nebo Stake, on Saturday, but could not go on Sunday because of sickness in the family. Pres. [Jonathan S.] Page, he said, appears to be a very quiet sort of a man, but at the same time he was wide-awake and active in his calling and seemed to be taking good care of the stake.

Elder Cowley attended conference at Anaconda last Sunday. He had good freedom in speaking to mixed congregations. Few converts made at the present time in the N.W. States Mission. The Patriarch attended the Granite Stake Conference Sunday morning and was present at the tabernacle meeting in the afternoon. Pres. Lund attended ward meeting at home last Sunday evening. Pres. Winder was in attendance at the Granite Stake Conference and during the conference ordained Edward White of Wilford a patriarch. Reports were approved and the meeting adjourned. Benediction by Hy. M. Smith.

**Tuesday, 23 February 1904**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and mild. I spent the day at the



President's office and was engaged during the afternoon in writing a very important letter.

At 7 p.m. I attended a meeting in the assembly hall of the priesthood of the new stake to be organized in the southeastern part of Salt Lake City. Pres. F. M. Lyman presided and explained the purpose of the gathering and then invited the brethren to name 50 of the best men among them, explaining that the presidency of the stake, the high council, and presidency of the high priest quorum would be selected from among those who should be named. The names were thereupon called out from the body of the house, and the meeting adjourned.

#### Thursday, 25 February 1904

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and mild. 10:30 Meeting at the President's office. Present: President[s] J. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Elders Francis M. Lyman, Rudger Clawson, Hyrum M. Smith, Geo. A. Smith, Jno. Smith, the patriarch, and the clerk. Prayer was offered by Pres. Winder. Minutes of Feb. 18 were read and approved.

The clerk read a letter from Elder Woodruff, sent from Cowley, Big Horn Stake. Reported conditions there. Thought the building of a sugar factory in the Big Horn basin, as talked of, would be a good thing. Said he would submit a report on the wisdom of colonizing along the line of the Gt. Northern Ry. in the near future.

A letter from Pres. H. J. Grant was read. He wrote relative to making some improvements in the new mission headquarters. This matter was referred to the First Presidency for their determination. The clerk read letters from Brother Booth and Pres. [Anthon L.] Skanchy addressed to Pres. Grant. It was decided to ask the latter to remain in Scandinavia until such time as the new mission quarters in Stockholm should be finished.

Conference appointments: Bear Lake, Elder Clawson. The following brethren were chosen from the list of 50 names submitted at the priesthood meeting Tuesday night to officer the Salt Lake S.E. Stake; Hugh J. Cannon, president, with Arnold H. Schulthess and Phillip S. Maycock as counselors; high council: LeGrande Young, Oscar F. Hunter, C. W. Symons, Wm. S. Stringham, Wm. N. Davis, Milando Pratt, Elias A. Smith, Fred A. Michel-

sen, B. S. Hinckley, Geo. T. Buckle, Alvin C. Strong, and Jno. Vetterli; alternate high councillors: Jno. Stringham, Taylor H. Woolley, and Seymour B. Young, Jr.; president of the high priest quorum: Jos. Keddington. It was further decided that the name of the new stake should be Liberty.

### *Reports*

Pres. Lund said that Pres. Smith and himself attended the dedicatory service of the new West Bountiful meeting house, Pres. being mouth in offering the prayer. The building cost \$15,000.

Pres. Lyman attended ward conference in Fillmore a week ago last Sunday and Millard Stake Conference at Deseret last Sat. and Sunday. Pres. [Ira N.] Hinckley, he said, had matters well in hand and was doing a good work. Jno. Smith attended meeting at the tabernacle Sunday p.m. and ward meeting in the evening.

Elder Hyrum M. Smith said that Elder Clawson and himself attended the Box Elder Stake Conference last Sunday and Monday and that Elder Clawson would make the report. Elder Clawson said that the presidency of the stake and the four bishops of Brigham were called together Saturday night and were closely questioned as to the conditions prevailing in Brigham, which seemed to have given rise to the recent agitation in the *Salt Lake Herald*. From all that could be learned it was apparent that the attack in the *Herald* was uncalled for and that the communications abounded with falsehoods and misrepresentation; and it further appeared that the presidency had pursued a wise and conservative policy relative to [Chris] Christensen and [Chris] Anderson of the Academy of Music and Dancing. Elder Clawson also submitted an answer from the presidency of the stake and bishops to the charges made in writing by Chris Christensen and addressed to Elder Jno. H. Smith, which clearly showed that said charges were false.

Pres. Smith was very emphatic in his statement that difficulties arising in the stakes must be investigated and adjusted by the stake authorities and that, if they came to the Presidency at all, it must be through the proper channel—namely, the church courts—otherwise complaints would not be entertained. The reports were approved. Benediction by Elder Clawson.

Lydia and myself went to the theater to see the "Frisky Mrs. Johnson." It was an excellent play.

**Saturday, 27 February 1904**

Paris, Idaho. Snowing and cool. 10 a.m. First session of the [Bear Lake Stake] Quarterly Conference in the tabernacle, Pres. Wm. Budge presiding. Opening remarks were made by Pres. Budge.

The reports were very good and showed that the saints of the stake were taking a lively interest in the work. There are three high priests reported as non-tithe-payers, and 1 70 [Seventy] in the quorum reported by Elder [John A.] Sutton.

2 p.m. Continuation of conference, Pres. Wm. Budge presiding. I expressed pleasure in the reports that had been given. Spoke of the influence and power of Satan over the hearts of the children of men. The evil wrought by traitors and hypocrites in the church.

**Thursday, 3 March 1904**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 10:20 a.m. Meeting at the President's office. Present: Presidents Jno. R. Winder and Anthon H. Lund, and Elders Rudger Clawson, Geo. A. Smith, the Patriarch [John Smith], and the clerk. Prayer was offered by Pres. Lund. The minutes of Feb. 25th were read and approved.

***Letters***

Jos. Horne of the Stake Presidency of Juab [Sevier] wrote, recommending Parley Anderson for bishop of Koosharem. Recommendation approved.

The clerk read a letter from Elder H. J. Grant, dated Feb. 6th, in which he stated that he had received the cable message instructing him to purchase the new headquarters at Liverpool and that arrangements were now under way to complete the deal. He recommended that the London conference house property be sold and the elders scattered out over the city. The matter was discussed and it became the mind of the meeting that it would not be a good policy to dispose of the property, but the suggestion that the elders be scattered was approved.

A letter from Elder Monson of the Superior Lumber Co., Preston, Idaho, addressed to Elder Clawson was read by the clerk. Brother Monson represented that Pres. [Lewis S.] Pond and the building committee of the Bannock meeting house at Gentile Valley were owing the Superior Lumber Co. some \$400, but refused to settle the bill. The claim was referred to Pres. Pond.

Conference appointments: North San Pete, Elder Clawson; Pocatello, Elder Geo. A. Smith. Elder Jos. Hyrum Grant, Davis Stake, wrote recommending Elders Benj. Ashby and Thos. Briggs for patriarchs. The matter was referred to the visiting brethren at their next conference.

### *Reports*

Pres. Lund attended the tabernacle meeting last Sunday and offered the dedicatory prayer at the 15th Ward house in the evening. Elder Clawson attended the Bear Lake Stake Conference on Saturday and Sunday. He was also present at a M.I.A. banquet Friday evening and conjoint meeting of the young people Sunday evening. Fine work is being done among the young people. The conference was well attended and a good spirit prevailed. An electric light system has just been installed in Paris. During the conference the following brethren were set apart and ordained: J. W. E. Stock, ordained a bishop and set apart to preside over the Fish Haven Ward, and Saml. W. Hart, ordained a bishop and set apart to preside over the Raymond Ward, R. Clawson [being] mouth, and assisted by the stake presidency.

Pres. Winder reported a meeting with the Presiding Bishopric and Prof. [Evan] Stephens yesterday to consider the matter of sending the choir to the St. Louis Fair to compete for the \$4500 prize. Time and conditions: the contest takes place in June when the weather is insufferably hot in St. Louis; 250 members of the choir should go at a cost of \$50 per capita; as leader, he could not guarantee more than \$15 per capita. The brethren decided that, if the way opened up, the choir should go to St. Louis in Sep. or Oct. and take part in Utah Day exercises.

Pres. Winder also reported another meeting held yesterday with himself, Pres. Lund, Elder Clawson, the Presiding Bishopric, and Pres. L. W. Shurtliff to take up the letter of Pres. [James G.] Duffin, relative to the purchase of the Jackson County Temple lot of 25 acres. Pres. Shurtliff said that he had recently ridden over the land and felt that the church should own it. After some discussion Bp. [William B.] Preston moved that Elder Duffin be instructed to purchase the lot on the most favorable terms that could be obtained. Carried. Elder Geo. A. Smith now moved that we ratify the said action of the brethren. Carried. Benediction by Jno. Smith.

**Wednesday, 9 March 1904**

Salt Lake City. Stormy. On Wednesday I was engaged a greater part of the day in writing a very important letter. At 5 p.m. I attended a meeting of the general board of the Y.M.M.I.A.

**Thursday, 10 March 1904**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cool. 10 a.m. Meeting at the President's office. Present: President[s] Jno. R. Winder [and] Anthon H. Lund, Rudger Clawson, Geo. A. Smith, Jno. Smith, the patriarch, and the clerk. Prayer was offered by Elder Clawson. Minutes of Mch. 3, 1904, were read and approved.

*Letters*

Pres. [Lewis S.] Pond wrote, recommending that the Grace Ward be divided and a part of the Trout [Creek] Ward be included in the division; that Alma E. Hubbard, the present bishop of Grace Ward, be honorably released; that Christian Poulson be sustained as bishop of Grace Ward; and that Jas. W. Hubbard, now a high councillor, be sustained as bishop of the new ward and be released as high councillor, if agreeable to his feelings. The recommendations [were] approved, with the understanding that these brethren be ordained and set apart by the visiting brethren at the next quarterly conference held in the Bannock [Stake].

The clerk read a letter from Brother Wm. Mendenhall of the Bannock Stake presidency, in which he explained the nature of the claim made against the Bannock Stake presidency by the Superior Lumber Co. of Preston, amounting to about \$500. He showed that the claim was unjust. Elder Clawson was directed to write Brother Monson in answer to the letter he received last week and say that the matter had been referred to the Bannock Stake presidency for action and settlement.

Pres. [James G.] Duffin wrote that he was unable to get the temple lot at Independence for the sum of \$24,500, which he had tendered, but he was still negotiating for same. There was no doubt, he said, that the purchase could be made for about \$26,000. It became the sense of the council by vote that the purchase be made immediately at the best terms possible up to \$26,000.

Conference appointments: Sevier, Elder Clawson; Morgan, Elder Geo. A. Smith.

*Reports*

Elder Clawson reported the North San Pete Stake Conference held at Mt. Pleasant. Pres. A. H. Lund was also in attendance. Meetings were largely attended. Pres. C. N. Lund gave an excellent report of the stake. The quorums of the priesthood were in good shape, and the auxiliary organizations were doing a good work. During the conference David Rasmussen was ordained a high priest and bishop and set apart to preside over the Mt. Pleasant North Ward, Elder Clawson [being] mouth; and Geo. F. Morley was set apart as Bishop of Freedom, Pres. A. H. Lund mouth; the counselors to these brethren were also set apart, as also a number of high priests were ordained.

Elder Geo. A. Smith attended the Pocatello Stake Conference. Some little confusion at the Sunday School gathering Sunday morning. The afternoon and evening meetings well attended and good spirit present. A large representation of strangers were also at the meetings. Jos. S. Morris was ordained a high priest and set apart as 1st counselor to bishop of Wilford Ward [i.e., Bishop Wilford Bennion of the Neeley Ward]; Arthur Edgley was ordained a high priest and set apart as 2nd counselor to bishop of Pocatello; Mark E. Walker was ordained a high priest and set apart as 1st counselor to bishop of Rockland. H. P. Frodsham was ordained a high priest and set apart as a high councillor, Elder Smith being mouth in each case.

Jno. Smith attended fast meeting at temple, afternoon meeting in tabernacle, and evening meeting at ward. Pres. Winder attended the temple fast meeting and Farmers Ward meeting in the afternoon. Pres. Lund said that on Friday he attended a funeral of an aged sister, a pioneer woman, at Ephraim and went from there to the North San Pete Stake Conference.

Reports were received and the labors of the brethren approved. Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Elder Geo. A. Smith. At 5 p.m. I attended prayer circle in the temple. Lydia and myself went to the theater in the evening.

**Sunday, 13 March 1904**

Richfield, Utah. Clear and cold. 10 a.m. First session of the second day's [Sevier Stake] Conference, Pres. [William H.] Seegmiller presiding. R. Clawson. Topics treated. Judgments of God

among the nations. The investigation by congress of the principle of plural marriage will help to preach the gospel to the world.

2 p.m. Continuation of conference, Pres. Seegmiller presiding. Pres. Seegmiller was the first speaker. Topics treated. The permanency of the work of God. Elder J. G. Kimball. Topics. No excellence without labor—nothing accomplished without effort. Predictions of Heber C. Kimball fulfilled. R. Clawson. Topics. The evil of indebtedness.

4:30 High council meeting, Pres. Seegmiller presiding. The presidency of the stake, and 9 high councillors, myself, and Chas. H. Nielsen, and others present. Pres. Seegmiller stated that Brother [Henry W.] Nielsen, who had been cut off the church some years ago for transgression and had been restored, now desired his priesthood and former blessings restored. So far as he knew, he said, Brother Nielsen had been faithful and showed forth a spirit of worthiness, since he came back into the church. Brother [George W.] Coons, his bishop, testified that he was now worthy of this blessing; also a high councillor, his neighbor, testified to the same effect. The high council, being called upon, then voted unanimously that Brother Nielsen should have his former blessings restored to him.

#### Thursday, 17 March 1904

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cool. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Elders Francis M. Lyman, Rudger Clawson, Hyrum M. Smith, Geo. A. Smith, Jno. Smith, and the clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "Glorious Things Are Sung of Zion." Pres. Smith was mouth in prayer, and Elder Hyrum M. Smith was mouth at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "Lord, When Iniquities Abound."

#### *Letters*

The presidency of the Utah Stake wrote, saying that Bp. Wm. D. Lewis of Vineyard had been honorably released to move away, and recommended Geo. M. Smoot to succeed him. On motion of Elder Clawson, the recommendation was approved. Pres. Geo. C. Parkinson reported that Bp. N. R. Lewis of Oxford had been honorably released on account of ill health and recommended Walter Hatch to succeed him. On motion of Elder Hyrum M.

Smith, the recommendation was approved. A letter was read from Isaac Smith of Logan, in which he said that the published report of a fast meeting held in Logan, by which it was sought to influence the enemy against us, was very inaccurate and misleading. He explained just what was said.

Pres. Smith said that he and the brethren who went east visited the cemetery at Florence, Nebraska, where a number of the saints who were driven from Nauvoo were buried and he thought perhaps some steps should be taken looking to the erection of a monument to mark their graves. After some discussion the matter was referred to the Presidency to take such action as in their judgment might seem proper.

Brother J. Havinga of Holland, Europe, wrote, saying that some years ago he turned over some \$200 to W. D. Bingham for investment in Utah. The money, he afterwards learned, was loaned to J. S. Bingham of Brigham, a brother of W. D., at 10% per annum. He now complained that he had neither received back the principal nor the interest, and asked the Presidency to investigate and do what they [could] for him. The matter was referred to Elder Clawson.

Pres. Lewis Anderson of the South San Pete Stake wrote the Presidency in regard to the importance and necessity of piping the water owned by the temple association down to the Manti Temple. There was urgent necessity for this move, as the claim on the water was endangered. He submitted an estimate showing that the cost would be about \$5000. This was considered to be a very important matter by the brethren and was referred to Elder Geo. A. Smith to ascertain what could be done through Z.C.M.I. in reference to the cost of piping.

The clerk read a letter from Pres. H. J. Grant of Mch. 5th in relation to matters in the Turkish Mission. He did not believe it wise, he said, to colonize the saints in that land.

The matter of reorganizing the presidency of the Davis Stake was discussed. Brother Jos. H. Grant seemed to be the choice of the Presidency were he in good health, but it was thought in view of his physical condition that it would probably be necessary to select another. However, this would not be done without first learning Brother Jos. Grant's feelings in regard to himself. Henry Blood, Jesse N. Smith, and Amasa Clark were mentioned for the



new presidency with a slight leaning to Jesse for president.

Conference appointments: Hyrum, Elder Geo. A. Smith; Davis, First Presidency.

### *Reports*

Pres. Winder attended Sabbath School in Farmers Ward last Sunday and enjoyed himself. Elder Geo. A. Smith attended meeting at Linne, Alpine Stake, last Thursday night. On Sunday and Monday he attended conference at Morgan. During the conference met with the presidency of the stake and high council, and, as some of the council failed to observe the Word of Wisdom, spoke upon that subject. He ordained Frank B. Hopkin a high priest and bishop and set him apart to preside over the Croyden Ward. Elder Hyrum M. Smith said that while at Washington he and the brethren met with the saints there at the home of Brother Willey. They had an enjoyable time.

Elder Clawson reported the Sevier Stake Conference. Good attendance and good spirit. He ordained Parley Anderson a high priest and bishop and set him apart to preside over the Koosharem Ward, and Jno. E. Gledhill, Jr., a bishop and set him apart to preside over the Vermillion Ward. Henry W. Nielsen, who had been cut off the church some years ago for transgression and later restored to fellowship, was ordained an elder and his former blessings sealed upon him. This action was approved by unanimous vote of the high council. Pres. Smith enquired if the presidency of the stake had been authorized to submit this matter to the high council. Elder Clawson replied, not that he knew of. Pres. Smith thereupon reminded the brethren that in the future the high councils could not take an action of this kind without special authority from the First Presidency.

Jno. Smith attended meeting at home last Sunday. Pres. Lund attended Sunday School in the 17th Ward and a funeral, that of Sister [Mary R.] Bouton, in the afternoon. Reports were received and the labors of the brethren approved. Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Geo. F. Gibbs.

Pres. Lyman enquired if Peter A. Druby of Tooele, who had been cut off the church some years ago and had repented, might again be received into fellowship. It was decided that no action should be taken in this matter at present.

**Sunday, 20 March 1904**

Salt Lake City. Stormy. I attended meeting at the tabernacle in the afternoon and was one of the speakers. Dwelt upon the first principles of the gospel, also the resurrection. Pres. A. M. Cannon also spoke.

**Monday-Wednesday, 21-23 March 1904**

Salt Lake City. Heavy snow storm on Wednesday. During these three days was busily engaged at home in assisting with the housecleaning.

Monday night I attended a meeting of the priesthood of the stake to be organized in the southwestern part of Salt Lake, held in the assembly hall, Pres. F. M. Lyman presiding. The purpose of the meeting was to get 50 names to be suggested by the brethren present from which to choose the presiding officers of the new stake. This was done and the meeting adjourned. I also attended a meeting of the priesthood of the northwestern part of Salt Lake, held in the assembly hall on Tuesday evening. The purpose was similar to that of the Monday evening meeting.

Wednesday at 3 p.m. I attended a meeting held at the office of Pres. A. M. Cannon. Present: Elders F. M. Lyman, myself, Hyrum M. Smith, Geo. A. Smith, and the presidency of the Salt Lake Stake. The purpose of the meeting was to canvass the names obtained at the two meetings mentioned with a view to presenting them to the Presidency and Twelve at the regular Thursday meeting, in the following order: No. 1—those who would be suitable for stake presidents; No. 2—those who would be suitable for counselors to stake presidents; No. 3—those who would be suitable for high councillors. We adjourned at 6 p.m.

At 7 p.m. I attended a meeting of the board of directors of the Salt Lake Knitting Works. Retired at 11 p.m. and was very tired.

**Thursday, 24 March 1904**

Salt Lake City. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Francis M. Lyman, and Elders Rudger Clawson, Hyrum M. Smith, Geo. A. Smith, and the clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "Truth Reflects upon the Senses." Elder Geo. A. Smith prayed, and Pres.

Winder was mouth at the altar. Minutes of Mch. 17th were read and approved.

### *Letters*

The presidency of the South San Pete Stake recommended that Niels R. Petersen be sustained as bishop of Manti to succeed Bishop Wm. T. Reid, deceased. Recommendation approved upon motion of Elder Clawson.

### *Reports*

Pres. Winder was at home last Sunday. Elder Geo. A. Smith, accompanied by R. S. Wells, attended the Hyrum Stake Conference Sunday and Monday. Never saw so much and so deep mud in Cache Valley as at present time. Good attendance at conference, and good spirit among people. Pres. [Joseph Morrell] of stake feels much encouraged. 9 quorums of elders in stake. Therefore, consented that some should be ordained seventies. Spent Monday night at Moses Thatcher's. Seems to feel very different to what he used to feel. Elder Merrill improved in health. Returned home Monday and was with the brethren Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in getting names for Pioneer and Salt Lake Stakes. Asked for further time in reference to the Manti Temple pipeline. Granted.

Elder Hyrum M. Smith attended the Liberty Stake Conference Sunday night in the assembly hall, when a number of auxiliary officers were called. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday was with the brethren considering names for the new stakes.

Elder Clawson spoke at the tabernacle Sunday afternoon and in the evening was present at the Liberty Stake Conference. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday was with the brethren on the new stake organizations. Elder Clawson also reported his visit to Brigham City and talk with Jno. S. Bingham in relation to the \$200 turned over by O. Havinga of Holland to Wm. Bingham, missionary, to invest in Utah. Brother Jno. S. Bingham said that he had borrowed \$100 of the amt. from his brother for one year and paid it back again. His brother's affairs were in a bad condition at the time of his death, nevertheless, he (Jno. S.) felt that the family ought to meet this obligation and he would endeavor to get them to take immediate favorable action in the matter.

Stake Conference. Visited Brother Jos. H. Grant, who is quite sick but is slowly improving. They did not think it advisable to reorganize the stake presidency just at present. Pres. Lyman strongly advocated the wisdom of dividing the Davis Stake. The population of the south end including Farmington is 4210; the population of the north end including a small ward or two of Weber Stake is 3122. He thought there was ample strength for two stakes. Attended the Liberty Stake Conference Sunday night and on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday was with the brethren in looking after material for the new stakes.

The names of the brethren living in the southwest or Pioneer Stake, submitted by the Twelve, were now canvassed with the following result: Wm. McLaughlin [McLachlan], president; Sylvester Q. Cannon, 1st counselor (suggestive); E. H. Eardley, 2nd counselor (suggestive); high council: Jno. Cutler, Jos. Q. Cannon, Ed. E. Jenkins, Geo. E. Burbidge, W. D. Callister, H. B. Clawson, Jr., Arnold G. Giaugue, Frank B. Woodbury, Geo. G. Smith, R. K. Thomas, A. R. Needham, David Adamson; alternate high counselors: Chas. H. Worthen, Frank Stanley, Chas. H. Hyde, W. A. Cowan, Harry Harrow; David McKenzie, president, high priest quorum.

Salt Lake Stake: Nephi L. Morris, president; Wm. N. Williams, 1st counselor (suggestive); B. F. Grant or Jos. F. Smith, Jr., 2nd counselor (suggestive); high council: Alfred W. Peterson, Elias S. Woodruff, Walter J. Lewis, Arthur Parsons, Arthur Fruin, Jesse Badger, D. L. Davis, A. W. Carlson, Jas. M. Christensen, F. S. Fernstrom, Geo. Q. Morris, (Jos. F. Smith, Jr., or B. F. Grant); alternate high councillors: Wm. Lathem, S. F. Taylor, J. W. Ure, Wm. T. Noall, Jno. T. Flashmann, Wm. Wood, Jr.; Wm. Asper, president of high priest quorum.

These nominations were sustained by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Pres. Lund.

### **Monday, 28 March 1904**

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and mild. At 3 a.m. I was called hastily to the bedside of Miss Susa Gull, sister to one of our renters, who was taken sick Saturday night with lung trouble. When I came in, she was dead. She was a young woman of 18 years of age. Later in the day I made arrangements for the shipment of the body to

Fillmore, where her parents reside.

I spent the day mostly at the President's office. At 7:30 I attended a priesthood meeting in the assembly hall of the brethren living in the northeast division of Salt Lake, Pres. F. M. Lyman presiding. 460 present. The purpose of the meeting was to get 80 or 90 names, from which to select officers of the new stake organization, which was fully explained by Pres. Lyman and the names were called for from the body of the house. Bishops and bishops' counselors and others each named a brother until the quota was reached, and it would be proper to say that some of the best and strongest men in that part of the city were named. It was decided to call the new stake the Ensign Stake. The meeting adjourned.

#### Thursday, 31 March 1904

Salt Lake City. Clear in morning, snowing in afternoon. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Jos. F. Smith, Jno. R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, and Elders Francis M. Lyman, Rudger Clawson, Hyrum M. Smith, Geo. A. Smith, Jno. Smith, and Geo. F. Gibbs, clerk.

The brethren indulged in a little informal discussion of the present situation as to the investigation under way by the senate committee and agreed that it is pretty serious—especially in view of the fact that some of the brethren are wanted as witnesses and cannot be found. While it was conceded that the church is under no obligation to furnish evidence for the committee, the fact remains, if the witnesses are not produced, the verdict of guilty will be pronounced by our enemies. On the other hand, the brethren looked upon this present movement as a most unholy crusade.

After clothing, the brethren sang, "Let Us Pray, Gladly Pray." Jno. Smith, the patriarch, opened by prayer, and Pres. Lyman was mouth at the altar. The brethren disrobed and sang, "Come, O Thou King of Kings." Minutes of March 24th were read and approved.

#### *Letters*

Pres. Wm. H. Smart wrote, saying that several ward meeting houses were contemplated for his stake and asking if the brethren had any suggestions to make regarding architectural design, &c. As this move would involve considerable expense to the wards, if

not the church, it was decided to ask Pres. Smart to call upon Pres. Smith during the coming conference and talk the matter over with him.

The bishopric of Gray's Lake Ward requested that the said ward be taken from the new Blackfoot Stake and reattached to the Bingham Stake, it being 30 miles nearer the Bingham Stake headquarters. It was moved and carried that the people of that ward have their choice in this matter.

Pres. [Reuben G.] Miller of the Emery Stake recommended Jno. D. Killpack for bishop of the Ferron Ward to succeed Bp. Anderson [Hyrum A. Nelson], released. Recommendation approved. The brethren also endorsed the recommendation of Manasseh Blackburn for bishop of a new ward to be organized at Deseret [Desert] Lake, Emery Stake.

Ben E. Rich recommended that a headquarters mission house be erected at Atlanta, Ga., and that donations to meet the expense be called for from the brethren who had labored in the Southern States Mission—some 2500 in number. No action was reached.

### *Reports*

Pres. Winder attended the dedication of the bureau of information on Saturday night and delivered the dedicatory prayer. The speakers were Presidents Smith and Lund and Elder Clawson. It is a beautiful building well finished and furnished and cost the church some \$8000. On Sunday he attended the temple fast meeting.

Elder Geo. A. Smith assisted in organizing the Pioneer Stake on Thursday last and the Salt Lake Stake on Friday. Attended temple fast meeting on Sunday. On Monday and Tuesday assisted the brethren in getting names for the Ensign Stake.

Elder Hyrum M. Smith and Elder Clawson attended the meetings referred to by Elder Geo. A. Smith. Elder Clawson here remarked that he thought one lesson had been learned from the method of procedure followed in the organizing [of] the new stakes, viz.: that it is unsafe to call for nominations, or rather for names, from the body of the priesthood for the reason that while you are pretty certain to get the best names, you will also get the names of brethren who are unsuitable for any office in the church; and further it becomes a humiliation to the brethren whose names are not considered, or rather accepted, after having been named

in a public meeting; and furthermore this method of procedure somewhat detracts from the idea of inspiration as the guiding principle. Pres. Smith said that he coincided with the view expressed by Elder Clawson. Elder Clawson said that he thought it a very necessary and proper thing before setting apart and ordaining the officers of a stake, they should be closely questioned as to their status respecting the Word of Wisdom, tithing, &c. This was not done in effecting the organization of the new stakes, except only by way of a general observation. The brethren felt that this should be done in all cases.

Pres. Lyman attended a Sunday School convention in Provo on Sunday. Had also taken charge of the meetings which were called for the purpose of getting and afterwards classifying the names suggested for officers in the new stakes. Assisted in organizing the Pioneer and Salt Lake Stakes last Thursday and Friday. Jno. Smith, the patriarch, attended the funeral of Grandma [Elizabeth C.] Pixton on Thursday, and the dedication of the bureau of information on Saturday night.

Pres. Lund presided at the meetings to organize the Pioneer and Salt Lake Stakes. Attended the dedication of the bureau of information, also temple fast meeting, fast meeting in the 17th Ward in the afternoon, and young people's meeting in the 18th Ward in the evening. Reports were received and the labors of the brethren approved.

The list of names as arranged by the Twelve for the Ensign Stake (namely, into three classes, those suitable for presidents, those suitable for counselors, and those suitable for high councilors) were now submitted to the meeting, and after consideration and discussion, the following personnel [were] adopted by unanimous vote: stake presidency: Richard W. Young, president; Jos. S. Wells, 1st counselor (suggestive); Thos. A. Clawson, 2d counselor (suggestive); high council: Jno. Nicholson, H. P. Richards, Jno. T. Caine, Jno. Clark, W. W. Riter, J. H. Moyle, Wm. Armstrong, Frank R. Snow, Alonzo Young, Melvin D. Wells, Matthew Noall, Matthoniah Thomas; alternate high councillors: Jno. C. Sharp, Jno. C. Cutler, Jr., Saml. G. Spencer, Jno. F. Bennett, Jno. Woodmansee, Jos. V. Smith; presidency high priest quorum: Hamilton G. Park, president; Jos. H. Felt, 1st counselor; Levi W. Richards, 2nd counselor.

Pres. Winder laid before the meeting a resolution, which he had prepared and which he desired should be submitted to the general conference, to the effect that the trustee-in-trust be authorized to take the necessary steps looking to the erection of a memorial building in honor of the Prophet and Patriarch, Jos. and Hyrum Smith, and that the expense should be met from whatever funds were available. The resolution was adopted by unanimous vote. Pres. Winder proposed that the church offices be eliminated from the memorial building and that the said memorial building be erected in the southeast corner of the Temple Block. There was considerable difference of opinion as to the wisdom of varying from the original idea and, therefore, no definite action was taken.

Meeting adjourned to Sacrament table. Benediction by Pres. Jos. F. Smith. The brethren repaired to the sacrament table; the bread and wine were blessed by Elder Clawson. Note: the Twelve did not hold their usual quarterly meetings on account of so few of the Twelve being at home, and other matters arising.

#### **Monday, 4 April 1904**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild, heavy rainstorm in night. 7 p.m. General priesthood meeting in the tabernacle, Pres. Smith presiding. The speakers were Presidents Smith and Lund and Lyman, and Bishops [William B.] Preston and [Orrin P.] Miller. Much good instruction was given on the subjects of tithing, indebtedness, lesser priesthood, &c.

Pres. Smith said he hoped to see the day when church improvements in the stakes, such as new meeting houses, school houses, and so forth, could be built by the church from the tithes of the people and that it would not be necessary to tax the saints as we do at present. That day would come, he thought, when the church is free from debt—in the course of two or three years.

#### **Tuesday, 5 April 1904**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. At 4 p.m. I attended a meeting of the Presidency and Twelve and Chas. W. Penrose to consider the propriety of making some announcement to the conference concerning plural marriages since the issuance of the Manifesto. It was decided to make an announcement to the effect that such marriages were not authorized or countenanced by the church.



**Thursday, 7 April 1904**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 10:45 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Smith, Winder, and Lund, and Elders Lyman, Clawson, Hyrum M. Smith, Geo. A. Smith, and Jno. Smith, the patriarch, also the clerk. Prayer at the altar was dispensed with on account of matters that were pressing on the time of the Presidency. Prayer was offered by Elder Clawson. Minutes of Mch. 31 were read and approved.

It was decided that the Presidency of the church should hereafter take charge of the tabernacle meetings. Pres. Lyman reported that Elders A. M. Cannon and Jos. E. Taylor were ordained patriarchs, Pres. Lyman being mouth in ordaining A. M. C[annon] and Pres. Smith, in ordaining J. E. T[aylor]. Elder Geo. A. Smith called attention to the unsanitary condition of the tabernacle water closets. The matter was referred to Bp. [William B.] Preston to correct.

Upon the suggestion of Pres. Smith, it was the feeling of the brethren that immediate steps should be taken to finish off the steps that lead into the temple, and also provide statuary for the niches in the walls. It was decided to employ Bp. [Edward J.] Ashton to look after the steps. Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Pres. Lyman.

**Sunday, 10 April 1904**

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. I spent the forenoon at home. At 2 p.m. I attended meeting at the tabernacle, Pres. Winder presiding. The speakers were Arnold Schulthess and Pres. Francis M. Lyman. One notable feature of the meeting was the fact that it was presided over by one of the First Presidency. Heretofore—before the division of the Salt Lake Stake—the tabernacle meetings were presided over by the presidency of the stake.

In the evening I attended services in the 18th Ward chapel and was one of the speakers. I read from the D.&C. and endeavored to show how precious in the sight of God are the souls of men. The other speakers were Pres. Wm. H. Seegmiller of the Sevier Stake and Elder Rulon S. Wells. The singing was especially fine.

**Thursday, 14 April 1904**

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple.

Present: Presidents Smith, Winder, and Lund, and Lyman, and Elders Rudger Clawson, Hyrum M. Smith, Geo. A. Smith, Jno. Smith, the patriarch, and the clerk. Pres. Smith read a letter from Elder H. J. Grant, in which he reported a recent payment on the Liverpool property purchased by the church. He also reported that bids had been asked for in reference to painting, &c.

There [was] some informal talk in regard to the policy of leasing Saltair and incidentally granting the privilege of selling liquor there. It was conceded that, if the Latter-day Saints were strong enough by their patronage to sustain Saltair, there would be no necessity of leasing; but their patronage is not sufficient, and the gentiles will not give their support without the liquor privilege, so it was considered good policy by the Beach Co. to lease the property and, if liquor were sold, the odium must rest upon the lessee. The price fixed for rental was \$30,000—\$18,000 for the railroad and \$22,000 [\$12,000] for the beach.

The brethren clothed and sang, "Let Us Pray, Gladly Pray." Elder Hyrum Smith prayed, and Pres. Lund was mouth at the altar. Song, "Let Zion in Her Beauty Rise." Minutes of April 7th were read and approved.

### *Letters*

The clerk read a letter from Pres. Walter C. Lyman of the San Juan Stake. He reported that it became necessary to reorganize the bishopric of the Moab Ward on account of unfavorable conditions there, and consequently Bp. David A. Johnson was released and Jno. P. Larson had been installed in his place, subject to the approval of the First Presidency. Upon motion of Elder Clawson, the action was approved. Pres. W. C. Lyman now made application to the church for a donation of \$2500 to assist in building a reservoir at White Mesa near Bluff. It was represented that this enterprise would greatly benefit the saints in that part of the country. The application was granted under proper restrictions, the church to receive reservoir stock in lieu of the donation, which might at some time be used to good advantage for voting purposes.

Stake conference appointments: Emery, Hyrum M. Smith; Beaver, R. Clawson; Utah, Geo. A. Smith and Francis M. Lyman.

### *Reports*

Pres. Winder presided at the tabernacle meeting on Sunday.

Elder Geo. A. Smith visited the 17th Ward Sunday School Sunday morning, attended the Dennis Eichnor funeral in the afternoon, and 28th Ward meeting in the evening.

Elder Hyrum M. Smith was at home Sunday, but during the week helped to set missionaries apart and attended a meeting of the Twelve and mission presidents. Pres. Lyman and Elders Clawson and Geo. A. Smith were also present. Elder Clawson attended tabernacle services last Sunday and in the evening spoke at the 18th Ward chapel.

Pres. Lyman filled the following appointments: 27th Ward Sunday School, tabernacle meeting and spoke, and 27th Ward in the evening. Yesterday he attended, he said, Ira N. Hinckley's funeral at Provo. Jno. Smith was present at the tabernacle meeting. Pres. Lund attended Scandinavian meeting on Sunday morning and tabernacle meeting in the afternoon. Reports were received and labors of the brethren approved.

Pres. Smith announced that the Presidency had about completed a bargain for the purchase of 25 acres of the original temple lot at Independence, Jackson County, Mo. Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Pres. Winder.

#### **Saturday, 16 April 1904**

[Beaver, Utah.] 2 p.m. Second session of the [Beaver Stake] Conference, Pres. [Charles D.] White presiding. Pres. C. D. White was the first speaker and made a brief report of affairs in the stake. Stake organizations in pretty fair condition. Deplored the fact that many of the brethren had to seek employment in the mines. Seymour B. Young. Topics treated. The value of opposition. The preaching of the gospel by our sons. The early martyrs of the Christian church. R. Clawson. Topics treated. Good desires lead to good deeds. Repentance.

At 8 p.m. I attended a debate at the Beaver church school building between three of the Beaver boys and three young men from Fillmore. Subject of debate [was] "Should the Negro be disfranchised." The young men from Fillmore took the negative side and won. It was quite interesting and entertaining.

#### **Thursday, 21 April 1904**

Salt Lake City. Snowing. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple.

Present: Presidents Smith, Winder, and Lund, and Elders Lyman, Clawson, Hyrum M. Smith, Geo. A. Smith, the Patriarch [John Smith], and the clerk. There was some informal talk about present conditions.

The brethren clothed and sang, "O My Father." President Winder opened, and Pres. Smith was mouth at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "I Know That My Redeemer Lives." Minutes of Apr. 14th were read and approved.

### *Letters*

The presidency of the Sevier Stake reported that at a recent priesthood meeting held at Monroe, the brethren refused to sustain Bp. Saml. Gould as bishop, the reason given being that they did not consider him sufficiently capable for the place and not strong enough to carry the people with him. The next day he sent in his resignation, which was accepted at a gathering of the saints on a vote of 123 to 70. The presidency of the stake now recommended that Monroe be divided into two wards, with Heber Swindle for bishop of south division and Jos. H. Jenson as bishop of north division. The high council, they said, concurred in the recommendation. Upon motion Elders Lyman and Clawson were appointed to go to Monroe Sunday next and effect a division of the ward, if in their judgment it would be a wise thing to do.

Conference appointments: Blackfoot, Geo. A. Smith; Liberty, Pres. Winder and Hyrum M. Smith; Weber, Presidents Smith and Lund.

### *Reports*

Pres. Winder presided at the tabernacle meeting on Sunday. Elder Geo. A. Smith attended the Utah Stake Conference last week. Assisted in the setting apart missionaries on Tuesday and attended the Salt Lake Stake Conference last night, when the stake organization was completed.

Elder Hyrum M. Smith attended the Emery Stake Conference at Ferron. Good conference. Bp. Anderson [Hyrum A. Nelson] of Ferron resigned and was succeeded by J. D. Killpack; held meeting at Huntington and Desert Lake. He ordained Manasseh J. Blackburn a bishop and set him apart to preside over Desert Lake.

Elder Clawson reported the Beaver Stake Conference, where the usual meetings were held. Also held meeting at Minersville and

Milford. Elder J[ohn] F. Tolton was sustained as 1st counselor to Pres. C[harles] D. White, and Warren Shepherd as 2nd counselor, the latter to succeed M. L. Shepherd, his father, deceased, and Geo. Parkinson was ordained a high priest and set apart as 2nd counselor to Bp. Jno. M. Murdoch of Beaver Ward, Brother Clawson being mouth in each case.

Pres. Lyman attended the Utah Stake Conference. Good reports showing a growth among the people. Geo. Smoot was ordained a bishop and set apart to preside over the Vineyard Ward, Pres. A. H. Lund mouth. Jno. Smith attended the tabernacle meeting. Pres. Lund attended the Utah Stake Conference, and Pres. Smith attended the funeral of Brother [Thomas P.] Thomas.

Pres. Smith stated that Brother Oleen N. Stohl of the stake presidency of the Box Elder Stake had called upon him and reported that Chris Christensen and Chris Anderson of Brigham, who had been sowing the spirit of division and strife among the people in that place regarding the question of dancing and the building of a dancing academy against the united counsel of the stake presidency, high council, and bishopric[s] of the four wards, had now preferred a charge in the bishop's court against Presidents [Charles] Kelly and Stohl for interfering, as they claimed, with their affairs, and Brother Stohl now desired some counsel in the matter, as this was an unusual procedure. Ordinarily, said Pres. Smith, these brethren should at once be tried for their fellowship, but in view of present conditions and the fact that Brigham City matters had been discussed in the senate investigation, he instructed Brother Stohl to let the matter go through the church courts, and when the boys had reached the end of their rope, they could then be handled for their standing in the church. The brethren concurred in the advice given by Pres. Smith. Benediction by Hyrum M. Smith.

#### Sunday, 24 April 1904

Richfield, Utah. At 9 a.m. we left for Monroe, 11 miles distant, arriving at 11:10 a.m. 1 p.m. Meeting of the priesthood in the meeting house, Pres. Lyman presiding. Pres. [William H.] Seegmiller made a few remarks. Pres. Lyman spoke of the propriety of dividing Monroe into two wards and asked for an expression of the brethren. They approved of it by unanimous vote, one to be

called the Monroe North Ward, and the other, the Monroe South Ward. The names of Jos. H. Jenson, bishop of the North Ward, and Heber Swindle for bishop of the South Ward were presented and sustained by unanimous vote. The brethren retired with the presidency of the stake to select their counselors. Pres. Lyman made brief remarks to the meeting. Topics treated. The relationship of the people of a ward to the bishop.

The brethren returned and the name of Jno. E. Magleby was presented for 1st counselor to Bp. Swindle. There was some division of sentiment in regard to Brother Magleby and the name was withdrawn. Brother Magleby, however, is a good man and worthy of the place.

3:30 p.m. General meeting of the saints, Aug. Bowman presiding. Pres. Lyman was first speaker and called for an expression of the saints as to the division of Monroe, and the move was sustained by unanimous vote. The names of Jos. H. Jenson for bishop of Monroe North Ward and Heber Swindle for bishop of Monroe South Ward were presented and sustained by unanimous vote. Pres. Lyman then made remarks upon the duties of a bishop.

#### Thursday, 28 April 1904

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and mild. 10 a.m. Meeting in the temple. Present: Presidents Smith and Winder, and Elders Lyman, Clawson, Hyrum M. Smith, Geo. A. Smith, Jno. Smith, and the clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "Jesus, Once of Humble Birth." Pres. Lyman opened, and Geo. A. Smith was mouth at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "Zion Stands with Hills Surrounded." Minutes of Apr. 21 were read and approved.

#### *Letters*

Pres. [James W.] Paxman of the Juab Stake wrote, saying that Jas. Sperry, his first counselor, had resigned on account of advancing age—he being now about 75 years old. Recommended that Isaac H. Grace, 2nd counselor, be made first counselor, and that Jno. W. Ord be given him as 2nd counselor. Recommendation adopted. Pres. Smith suggested that Brother Sperry be made a patriarch. Approved.

Pres. Collins R. Hakes of Mesa wrote, advising that the Nephi Ward, which is very small and without a bishop owing to the death of Bp. Saml. Openshaw, be attached to the Alma Ward. He also

reported that Bp. [Alexander] Hunsaker of Alma, who owns property in Alma but lives in another ward, is necessarily absent a good deal and in consequence should be released. The clerk was instructed to write Elder Teasdale to visit Maricopa and attend to this matter.

Conferences: Fremont, Pres. Lund; Juab, Geo. A. Smith; Alpine, Elder Clawson; Cache, Elder Hyrum M. Smith; Pioneer, Pres. Lyman.

### *Reports*

Pres. Winder attended the Liberty Stake Conference on Sunday. Good attendance and fine spirit. Elder Geo. A. Smith reported the Blackfoot Stake Conference at Shelley. Had a fine conference, the attendance being unusually large. The people found it a burden to meet the obligation for the support of the Ricks Academy.

Elder Hyrum M. Smith attended the Liberty Stake Conference on Sunday and the Weber Stake Conference on Monday. Elder Clawson said that he and Pres. Lyman went to Monroe Sunday and divided the ward, placing Jos. H. Jenson to preside over the Monroe North Ward and Heber Swindle to preside over the Monroe South Ward; their counselors and clerks were also put in.

The patriarch attended the Weber Stake Conference. While in Ogden blessed 6 or 8 people. Pres. Smith attended the Weber Stake Conference, and was accompanied by Pres. A. H. Lund. Reports were received and labors of the brethren approved. Benediction by Elder Clawson.

### **Friday, 29 April 1904**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. I spent the day mostly at the President's office. In the afternoon wrote a very important letter. At 2:30 p.m. I attended a meeting of the general board of education, and much business was presented and disposed of.

### **Monday, 2 May 1904**

Lehi, Utah. Raining pretty much all night, now clearing up. I left for home at 8:30 arriving at 9:35 a.m. Having a very important appointment at 10 a.m., I feel concerned about the weather and trust it will clear up and be fine.

**Monday-Wednesday, 2-4 May 1904**

Salt Lake City. Raining hard until Wednesday afternoon. I came home from Lehi Monday morning and during the day walked up on Ensign Peak. The weather for a few hours was reasonably fine and I much enjoyed the view. Tuesday and Wednesday I was working a part of the time in entering my church financial report for the year 1903 into the record provided.

Wednesday evening, accompanied by Sister Clawson, I attended a reunion of the first company of missionaries sent to the Sandwich Islands, held at the Beehive House. Pres. Smith was of the company. A very delightful evening was passed. A banquet was served at 7 p.m. and later brief speeches were made by Pres. Smith and Elders Jno. T. Caine, Henry P. Richards, W. W. Cluff, and others who went to the [Sandwich] Islands with the first company.

**Thursday, 5 May 1904**

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. 10:30 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Smith, Winder, and Lund, and Elders Lyman, Clawson, Hyrum M. Smith, Geo. A. Smith, Jno. Smith, the patriarch, and the clerk.

There was some informal talk in relation to one or two matters. Pres. Winder said that it was reported that a young girl, member of the church, 14 years of age, living at Logan, had confessed to having had unlawful intercourse with 20 different persons. This information was shocking to the brethren.

Pres. Smith suggested that the exterior of the Lion House, church offices, and the Beehive House be thoroughly repaired and made presentable; also that the wall around the Temple Block be put into repair. Suggestion approved.

Pres. Lyman reported the meeting of the general board of the Y.M.M.I.A. last evening, saying that some ill-feeling was manifested in regard to the secretary, Thos. Hull, or rather, the attitude of some members of the board towards him. It had been decided by the board previously that an expert auditor and accountant should go in and audit his books at once. Thomas Hull wanted 30 days in which to bring his books up to date. This the board was not willing to grant, though several members favored it, namely, Elders Clawson, Hy. M. Smith, and Douglas Todd, and two or three others. Subsequently, Pres. Smith advised the committee who had



this matter in charge to grant the extension of time asked for by Brother Hull, which was done. There seemed to be somewhat of a feeling in the board that they had been unfairly overruled.

The brethren clothed and sang, "Redeemer of Israel." Elder Clawson opened, and the patriarch was mouth at the altar. Song, "Come to Me, Will Ye Come to the Saints That Have Died." The minutes of April 29th were read and approved.

Principal A[ndrew] B. Anderson of the Beaver branch of the B.Y.U. wanted a speaker to deliver the baccalaureate sermon on May the 15 and expressed a desire for Pres. Lyman to be the man. Brother Lyman said that he could not very well go, and so it was decided to send someone else. Pres. David Cameron of the Panguitch Stake wrote, saying that Jos. A. Tibbals [Tippets] had been installed as bishop of Tropic Ward but had not been ordained. This duty was left for the next visiting apostle. The presidency of the Pioneer Stake wrote, saying that Saml. F. Ball had been selected as 2nd counselor to Bishop Theo. McKean. Action endorsed.

Upon the recommendation of Pres. Smith, it was decided that the tier of blocks in the 16th Ward just east of the O.S.L. Ry. track be detached from that ward and attached to the 17th Ward. The presidency of the Bingham Stake wrote, recommending that Bp. Jesse T. Clark of the Rudy Ward be honorably released on account of advancing age and lack of executive ability. Recommendation approved.

Conference appointments: South San Pete, Pres. Lund; Wasatch, Elder Clawson; Bingham, Hyrum M. Smith; Jno. Smith also to Wasatch; dedication of new meeting house at Lake View Ward, Utah Stake, Pres. Lyman.

The clerk read a long and interesting letter from Horace S. Ensign, president of the Japanese Mission, showing the work in that land to be in a promising condition. Pres. A. H. Woodruff of Northern States Mission made a lengthy report upon the advisability of purchasing a certain church and church property now offered for sale in Chicago for our headquarters of the Northern States Mission. The building was [in] every way suitable and had cost originally about \$40,000, and could now be purchased, he thought, for \$17,000. It was moved and carried that the matter be looked into further by the Presidency, and, if satisfactory, that the purchase be made at \$17,000.

*Reports*

Pres. Winder attended fast meeting in the temple on Sunday a.m. Elder Geo. A. Smith attended the Juab Stake Conference. Besides the regular meetings, he attended a meeting of the high council. During the conference Elder Isaac Grace was sustained as 1st counselor to Pres. [James W.] Paxman and Jno. W. Ord as 2nd counselor, the latter to succeed Chas. Sperry, resigned.

Elder Hyrum M. Smith was in attendance at the Cache Stake Conference. Good attendance and general counsels were given. The bishop of the 2nd Ward informed him, just as he stopped on the train to return home, that there is a patriarch [Rasmus Rasmussen] in the Cache Stake in Logan, who visits the saloon and who is guilty of stealing whiskey in small bottles from the saloon. The empty bottles had been found in his home, and yet he is sustained in his position as patriarch.

Elder Clawson attended the Alpine Stake Conference and was accompanied by R. S. Wells and the patriarch, Jno. Smith. The presidency of the stake are active and have some fine presidencies in the auxiliary organizations. Pres. Lyman attended the Pioneer Stake Conference held in the tabernacle, and Pres. Lund organized a prayer circle in the Pioneer Stake, [attended] fast meeting in the afternoon, and 2nd Ward meeting in the evening.

Pres. Smith attended the temple fast meeting. Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Elder Geo. A. Smith. I filled a very important appointment at 2:30 p.m. and at 5 p.m. attended a meeting of the general board of religion classes.

**Tuesday, 10 May 1904**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. Made a call on a friend from the south. At 3 p.m. attended the funeral of the late Jas. Sharp at the assembly hall, Pres. Richard W. Young presiding. The speakers were Elder Seymour B. Young, Jos. Murdoch, and Presidents Smith, Winder, and Lund.

**Thursday, 12 May 1904**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. Meeting at the temple. Present: the First Presidency, and Elders Lyman, Jno. H. Smith, R. Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, Geo. A. Smith, and the clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "Truth Reflects upon the Senses." Pres.

Winder opened, and Elder Smoot was mouth at the altar. Song, "The Seer, the Seer, Joseph, the Seer!" Minutes of May 5th were read and approved.

### *Letters*

Pres. [Joseph] Morrell of Cache Stake wrote, explaining in relation to the matter of Patriarch [Rasmus] Rasmussen's visit to a saloon in Logan as reported at last meeting. The explanation given was that he had gone there to sell some eggs, and while there that the proprietor had slipped a bottle of whiskey into his pocket and later accused him of stealing it, and extorted money from him—hush money. The brethren of the council didn't think the explanation very satisfactory and concluded to make further enquiries.

A letter from Pres. [Anthon L.] Skanchy was read, in which he gave some information relating to the Christiania meeting house. He expressed appreciation for a draft from the First Presidency, which he had received.

A letter from Geo. H. Brimhall, pres. of the B. Y. University, said that Elder Earl J. Glade, who had received a call for a mission, was very much needed in the school to teach penmanship and bookkeeping. He was excused from this call for the present.

The clerk read a letter from the Superior Lumber Co., referring again to the difficulty between said company and the presidency of the Bannock Stake. Matter was now referred to the authorities of the Bannock Stake to settle.

Conference appointments: Oneida, Geo. A. Smith; Benson, R. Clawson; Jordan, Hyrum M. Smith and Pres. Lyman; Wayne and Woodruff, some of the Seventies.

### *Reports*

Pres. Winder attended the funeral of Annie Murphy on Sunday in the Granite Stake. Elder Geo. A. Smith and Hyrum M. Smith attended the Bingham Stake Conference. Saturday's meetings were mostly attended by the sisters and general attendance on Sunday large. In that stake the men of the priesthood are slack in attending their duties—hence, this matter was emphasized.

Elder Smoot and Pres. Lyman attended the dedication of the Lake View meeting house, Utah Stake, Pres. Lyman offering the prayer. The house was fully paid for and \$10 dollars in the treasury.

The tithing receipts had not suffered by reason of this enterprise.

Elder Clawson reported the Wasatch Stake Conference and said a wonderful change had taken place in that stake since its reorganization for the better. A splendid priesthood meeting was held on Saturday morning, and all the meetings were well attended, and good spirit prevailed. Much practical instruction was given on timely topics.

Elder Jno. H. Smith spoke of his sickness and [said] that he was still feeble but felt that he was on the road to recovery. Pres. Lund reported the South San Pete Stake Conference held at Mayfield. A fine spirit prevailed and good reports were made.

Pres. Smith attended a district Sunday School conference in the 16th Ward. Pres. S. also announced that Edwin F. Parry had been decided upon for bishop of the 16th Ward to succeed Bishop [George R.] Emery. Pres. Smith further stated that the little difficulty existing between the general board of the Y.M.M.I.A. and Thos. Hull, sec., had been adjusted so far as ill feelings were concerned and that the auditing of the books would soon be completed. Benediction by Elder Jno. H. Smith.

#### **Monday, 16 May 1904**

Smithfield, Utah. Clear and beautiful. 2 p.m. Continuation of [Benson Stake] Conference, Pres. [William H.] Lewis presiding. R. Clawson. Topics treated. The evil of indebtedness. Thus closed a very interesting conference. The reports throughout were very encouraging, and matters in the Benson Stake are in a fairly good condition.

At 4:30 p.m. I left for Richmond to call on Elder Merrill, who is sick, arriving at 5:30 p.m. Visited the condensed milk factory at Richmond. It is a very fine institution. Its capacity is 60,000 lbs. of milk per day. I later called upon Brother Merrill and found him only fairly well. I administered to him. We had a very interesting conversation. He blessed me and said that the desires of my heart would be realized.

#### **Thursday, 19 May 1904**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 10 a.m. Meeting in the temple. Present: Presidents Smith, Winder, and Lund, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, Geo. A.

Smith, Jno. Smith, and the clerk. The clerk read a letter from Pres. A. H. Woodruff of the Northern States Mission, in which he reported that he had tendered \$16,000 for the church property in Chicago and hoped to secure it for that price. The more he examined the property, the more he was convinced that it would make ideal headquarters for the mission. The clerk read a letter from Elder J. G. Kimball reporting his attendance at the Woodruff Stake Conference last week.

The brethren clothed and sang, "Lord, We Come before Thee Now." Pres. Lund opened by prayer, and Hyrum M. Smith was mouth at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains." Minutes of May 12th were read and approved.

Conference appointments: Nebo, Elders Smoot and Geo. A. Smith; Star Valley, Elder Hyrum M. Smith; Teton, Elder Clawson.

#### *Letters*

The Presidency of the South San Pete Stake wrote, recommending Lauritz O. Larsen to succeed Bp. [James A.] Allred as bishop of Spring City. Bp. Allred recently passed away. Recommendation approved. The following communication was read by the clerk:

May 18th, 1904

The First Presidency of the Church  
of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Dear Brethren:

I have the honor to state that the presidency of the Ensign Stake is in receipt of the following communication:

Salt Lake City, May 9th, 1904

Elders Richard W. Young,  
Jos. S. Wells,  
Jno. M. Knight,  
Presidency of the Ensign Stake of Zion,

Dear Brethren:

For a period of 22 years, I have had the honor of occupying the position of bishop of the Twelfth

Ward. While I may not possess all the qualifications to entitle me to be considered an ideal bishop, I have had at heart the interests of the saints of the Twelfth Ward and have served them to the best of my ability. During the administrations of Presidents Jno. Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, and Lorenzo Snow, I was called to serve the church in numerous ways. I wish to state, as a matter of justice, that on such occasions the duties of my office as bishop were performed by my counselors in a most satisfactory and praiseworthy manner.

My reason for now addressing you is my belief that a change in the bishopric of the ward would be beneficial to the members. For several years I have been a sincere advocate of an age limit for bishops. In order to be consistent with my own theory, I cannot do otherwise than tender to you my resignation as bishop of the Twelfth Ward. If I had been possessed of any hesitancy in taking this step, it completely vanished last Saturday evening, when, at a meeting held by the presidency and bishoprics of the Ensign Stake, I discovered that in point of age I was in advance of every other bishop present.

I, therefore, tender to you my resignation as bishop of the Twelfth Ward, to take effect at your earliest convenience.

With much respect and kind wishes for your welfare,

Your brother and fellow-laborer,  
(signed) H. B. Clawson.

Further, that the stake presidency and the stake high council by resolution, adopted at a session held last evening, expressed their sincere appreciation of the bishop's long and faithful performance of the arduous tasks of his position and recommended the acceptance of the foregoing resignation and the appointment of

Elder Thos. A. Williams of the Twelfth Ward as Bishop Clawson's successor.

By direction of the stake presidency, this matter is submitted to you for such action as you may deem proper.

Very respectfully,  
Your Brother,  
(signed) Richard W. Young,  
President of Ensign Stake.

Upon motion the resignation of Bishop Clawson was accepted and the recommendation regarding the appointment of Thos. A. Williams as his successor was approved. Pres. Smith proposed that Bishop Clawson be ordained a patriarch. Approved by unanimous vote.

Pres. Smith said that Edwin F. Parry had been selected for bishop of the 16th Ward and Jno. W. Bond for bishop of the 15th Ward and W. J. Newman for an alternate high councillor. These selections were approved. The presidency of the Salt Lake Stake also recommended that the two blocks immediately east of Agricultural Park be detached from the 16th Ward and attached to the 29th Ward and that that portion of the 16th Ward lying east of the Oregon Short Line Ry. be attached to the 17th Ward. Suggestion approved.

### *Reports*

Pres. Winder attended services at the tabernacle last Sunday. Elder Geo. A. Smith attended the Oneida Stake Conference, which was largely attended, necessitating some overflow meetings. Matters there are in splendid shape. Walter Hatch was ordained a high priest and set apart to preside over the Oxford Ward. Elder Smith desired to know whether it would be proper to ask the members of the First Council of Seventies to assist in ordaining high priest[s] and bishops and bishops' counselors. The answer was that it is proper to ask them to lay on hands but not to be mouth. The question arose as to whether a man's priesthood could be taken from him by the church through any action short of cutting him off the church. The answer was that it could not, although he could be debarred from officiating in the priesthood.

Elder Smoot failed to go to Summit by reason of a change in the trains unknown to him. He attended meeting at Provo.

Elder Clawson attended the Benson Stake Conference. General reports were given and showed matters to be in a pretty satisfactory condition. He said that he called to see Brother Merrill on Monday night and found him still suffering greatly from his feet and legs. For a long time he did not know the character of his trouble, but it is now determined that it is diabetes. He says, however, that he has good hope of getting well.

Pres. Lund attended Scandinavian meeting on Sunday. Jno. Smith was at the tabernacle service. Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Jno. Smith.

#### **Wednesday, 25 May 1904**

Salt Lake City. Raining. I spent the forenoon at the President's office. At 2 p.m. I attended a meeting of the general board of education, at which considerable business was transacted. In the evening, accompanied by Lydia, I went to the theater to see Maud Adams, the famous actress, in the "Little Minister." It was very fine, and the house was crowded to the door.

#### **Thursday, 26 May 1904**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild, raining in afternoon. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Smith, Winder, and Lund, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, and Jno. Smith, the patriarch, also the clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "Where the Voice of Friendship is Heard." Pres. Smith opened, and Elder Clawson was mouth at altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "Lord, When Iniquities Abound." The minutes of May 19th were read and approved.

#### ***Letters***

The clerk read a letter from Elder Ed. S. Hall, Society Islands, in which he said that the mission there is prospering, most of the branches are in good order, and a number of baptisms are being reported. Assistance, he said, was needed to build a new meeting house in town. It was decided that Elder [Heber J.] Sheffield be consulted in regard to the situation there, he having recently returned from a mission to the islands. It was the sense of the meeting, however, that help be extended to them.



Pres. McLaughlin [William McLachlan] of the Pioneer Stake recommended Wm. A. Bricker for ordination to the office of a patriarch. Approved. He also reported that Bishop [William] Thorn of the 7th Ward was willing to resign, and he now recommended that he be honorably released and ordained a patriarch. Approved. Pres. McLaughlin [McLachlan] submitted the name of Chas. P. Margetts for bishop of the 7th Wd. Approved.

Conference appointments: Vernal, Elder Hyrum M. Smith; Box Elder, Elders Smoot and Geo. A. Smith; Granite, Elder Clawson; Millard, Elder Lyman.

### *Reports*

Pres. Winder attended tabernacle service last Sunday p.m. and in the evening effected the reorganization of the 12th Ward bishopric with Thos. A. Williams as bishop to succeed Bishop [Hirman B.] Clawson. Elders Smoot and Hyrum M. Smith attended the Nebo Stake Conference. Had a good conference. Found records in splendid shape. A good vault had been provided for safekeeping of records.

Hyrum Smith set apart Paul Ludlow as one of the seven presidents of a seventies quorum. Some of the brethren of the quorum rather objected to this method of procedure, saying that they had been instructed by the First Council of Seventies that the presidents should be ordained and not set apart. This evoked considerable discussion as to which is the proper method. The matter was laid on the table until next meeting, and the clerk was instructed to look up any decisions that might have been formulated respecting this subject.

Elder Clawson said that he and Elder [J. Golden] Kimball attended the Teton Stake Conference last week. Attendance crowded with overflow meeting on Sunday. During the conference Robt. G. Meikle was set apart as bishop of Cache Ward, Elder Clawson [being] mouth, and Stanley B. Fairbanks, as bishop of Driggs Ward, Elder Clawson mouth. On Monday afternoon the cornerstone of the new stake tabernacle at Driggs was laid, Brother Clawson offering the dedicatory prayer. The building will cost from \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Patriarch Jno. Smith attended the tabernacle services on Sunday. He reported that Elder Saml. H. B. Smith is in destitute circumstances and greatly in need of assistance. It became the

sense of the council that his wants be relieved and \$25.00 per month was appropriated for his benefit.

Pres. Lund attended the 14th Ward Sunday School and was also present at the reorganization of the 12th Ward bishopric. Pres. Smith attended meeting at Provo in the afternoon and addressed the B.Y.U. students in the evening. Benediction by Pres. Lund.

#### **Thursday, 2 June 1904**

Salt Lake City. Raining part of the day. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Presidents Smith, Winder, and Lund, and Elders Lyman, John Henry Smith, Clawson, Geo. A. Smith, and John Smith, the patriarch. The brethren clothed and sang, "How Great the Joy, the Promised Day." Elder Geo. A. Smith opened, and Prest. Lyman was mouth at the altar. The minutes of May 26th were read and approved.

A letter was read from Elder Woodruff, in which he reported his attendance at some conferences near the city of Mexico, at one of which there were some 200 native Mexicans present and they seemed to be much interested in the gospel. He also spoke of the sickness of his wife, Helen, who was taken down with the smallpox.

The clerk read a letter from Sylvester Q. Cannon, regarding the continuance of the Dutch meetings in the city and desiring to know which of the four Salt Lake Stakes should have charge over them. Owing to the many duties devolving upon him, he felt to resign the presidency of the Dutch meetings, if agreeable to the brethren. As to the matter of jurisdiction, Prest. Lund was instructed to ascertain where the majority of the Dutch people of the city resided.

Elder S. B. Young wrote, recommending the improvement of the Lion House by raising it one story. The suggestion was not approved. Jos. H. Grant wrote notifying the brethren that the Davis Stake Conference would be held at Syracuse, June 26th and 27th. His health, he said, was improving. Davis Stake [is] in fairly good condition.

A letter from Pres. [Charles] Kelly of Box Elder was read. He requested that the presidency of a neighboring stake be appointed to preside over the high council of the Box Elder Stake in the case appealed from the bishop's court of the Brigham City 4th Ward,

in which he (Chas. Kelly) is charged by Chris Christensen of the Brigham City Dancing Academy with using an undue influence against his business, exercising unrighteous dominion, and unchristianlike conduct. The charge was not sustained in the bishop's court. The brethren appointed the presidency of the Weber Stake to take charge of the case.

Conference appointments: Bear Lake, Elder Smoot; Tooele, F. M. Lyman; Panguitch and Kanab, Elder Clawson. The brethren voted to sustain Chas. P. Margetts, Alfred C. Thorne, and Lorentius Dahlquist as the bishopric of the 7th Ward, and Elders Clawson and George A. Smith were appointed to effect the reorganization of the 7th Ward bishopric this evening.

### *Reports*

Pres. Winder attended fast meeting at the temple and the Granite Stake Conference in the afternoon and evening of Sunday. Elders Smoot and Geo. A. Smith attended the Box Elder Stake Conference. Meetings well attended. Lesser priesthood in somewhat disorganized condition. On Monday Decoration Day was observed by the people going to the cemetery en masse to decorate the graves. Meeting in the afternoon in the tabernacle.

Elder Clawson attended the Granite Stake Conference on Saturday and a religion class conference of the Weber Stake at Ogden on Sunday. Very fine exercises given by the children.

Pres. Lyman reported his attendance at meetings held in Kanosh a week ago Sunday and the Millard [Stake] Conference last week. Had an enjoyable time. During the conference Hiram Bell Bennett was ordained a patriarch, himself (F. M. L[ym]an.) [being] mouth. Jno. Smith said that Brother S. H. B. Smith was very grateful for the appropriation made for his benefit. Presidents Smith and Lund attended the Granite Stake Conference on Sunday.

Elder Clawson called attention to a question that had been submitted to him regarding the standing of certain persons in the church, namely, "What action should be taken in reference to a man who claimed he had been ordained to the priesthood but had no record of his ordination, and perhaps had even forgotten the name of the party who ordained him?" The answer was that each case must be determined on its merits. Benediction by Elder Jno. H. Smith.

**Wednesday, 6 July 1904**

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. 11 a.m. Quarterly meeting of the Twelve. Present: Pres. Francis M. Lyman, Jno. H. Smith, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, and Geo. A. Smith. Song, "We Found the Way the Prophets Went." Prayer by Elder Clawson. Song, "School Thy Feelings." Upon motion of Elder Clawson, Elder Hyrum M. Smith was appointed to succeed the late Elder [Abraham] Owen Woodruff as clerk of the council.

Pres. Lyman spoke and said in substance that he was pleased to see six of the brethren present. The others, though absent, were all busy. The death of Brother Owen, he said, was a serious blow to the quorum. It was quite a shock to the brethren. He will be missed in the Big Horn. Death comes when least expected. Owen has worked early and late and has shown the spirit of a true disciple of the Lord. All the brethren of the quorum show the same spirit. Pres. Lyman said that he wanted the fellowship, love, and confidence of the brethren. We live in a delicate time and need to be wise and prudent in all things. No more cogs should be allowed to slip. The brethren present should be clear on this point. There are only about four left to meet the calls at home. Brother Jno. Henry is not able to do much at present and Elder Smoot is absent a good deal of the time. Spoke of his visit to Brigham City and the trouble among the young people there on the amusement question. He poured oil on the troubled waters.

Elder Jno. H. Smith spoke briefly and endorsed the remarks of President Lyman. Spoke of the importance of keeping sacred matters that are discussed in our council meetings. He learned a lesson years ago on this point, when he was severely rebuked by his father [George A. Smith] for repeating some things that had been said in the School of the Prophets. Meeting adjourned until 9 a.m. tomorrow morning. Benediction by Elder Reed Smoot.

**Thursday, 7 July 1904**

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. 9 a.m. Continuation of the quarterly conference of the Twelve. Present: Pres. Lyman, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Clawson, Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, and Geo. A. Smith. Song. Prayer by Hyrum M. Smith.

Elder Clawson was the first speaker. Said that he was feeling well and happy in the work. Desired to be one with his brethren.

Held the apostleship above every other consideration and felt to respond to every call. Was shocked and grieved to learn of the death of Brother Owen [Woodruff] and his wife [Helen Woodruff]. He was a man who was active and energetic in his work—who was kind and lovable in his manner, and would be greatly missed in the church. Elder Clawson spoke of his recent trip south, during which he visited four stakes of Zion, namely, Panguitch, Kanab, St. George, and Parowan. Found the saints feeling well and contented. Prospects favorable for good crops. The Hurricane Canal in the St. George Stake, undertaken at a cost of about \$80,000 in cash and labor, is now about completed.

Elder Smoot said that he was in harmony with the members of the quorum. Spoke of divisions arising in the midst of the saints and felt that the brethren should be active and watchful. Referred to some trouble in Springville due to the operations of Brother [James] Hall, in visiting and administering to the sick independent of the stake and local authorities. This matter was thought to have been settled months ago, but not so.

Elder Hyrum M. Smith followed and said that he was happy to be present with the brethren. Could say that he was in harmony with the spirit of these meetings. Regretted that the brethren of the quorum had differed somewhat in their views regarding a certain question. The church has been brought prominently before the world, and as to whether the hand of the Lord was in it all, he could not say. He thought that the members of the quorum who are absent should be asked to make a weekly report of their labors in writing. The apostleship should be regarded as of more importance than any other consideration, and those who hold it should not engage in business pursuits—at least that was his feeling. There is much work to be done looking to the salvation of the young. He thought the brethren ought to be in harmony in all matters of interest to the saints. He wondered how far the apostles should engage in politics, if at all.

Elder Geo. A. Smith had looked forward to this conference with a good deal of pleasure. In regard to the question of participating in temporal affairs, he had had some peculiar feelings, being himself somewhat mixed-up in business and politics. Had done his duty, however, as best he could. Hoped to see the day when he would be free to give his whole time to his calling. The

church had grown so large, he thought it would require the whole time and attention of the Twelve and Seven Presidents.

At this point there was some discussion in regard to politics. It was generally conceded that the brethren should counsel the people to maintain their political rights. Conference adjourned until Oct. 4, 1904. Benediction by Reed Smoot.

At 10:45 the Presidency came in. Song, "Up, Awake, Ye Defenders of Zion." Prayer by Elder Hyrum M. Smith, Pres. Lyman being mouth at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "Glorious Things Are Sung of Zion." Minutes of June 30th were read and approved.

Pres. Wm. Budge wrote, recommending Jas. Hymas for bishop of Lanark. Recommendation approved. Pres. [Franklin S.] Bramwell of Union Stake wrote and reported the organization of a new ward, Pine Grove, and recommended Hyrum Weech for bishop. The clerk was instructed to write for particulars as to size and location of said ward.

The clerk read a letter from Pres. A. W. Ivins, in which he stated that the check for \$480 covering the expense of the last sickness and burial of Elder A. O. Woodruff had been duly received. He would report, he said, the expense connected with the death of Helen Woodruff a little later on.

A letter was read from Pres. Collins Hakes, in which he stated that he was at the bedside of Elder Woodruff during his sickness and up to his death. Felt thankful, he said, that he was inspired to go, for he felt that his presence was a comfort and consolation to Brother Owen, who thanked him over and over again. And in fact had he not been there, it must have been necessary at times to lash Brother W. to the bedstead. It was moved and carried that the expenses of Brother Hakes' visit to El Paso be met by the church and that the trustee-in-trust be authorized to meet the legitimate expenses growing out of the death of Elder Woodruff and his wife, Helen.

The clerk read a written report from the First Council of Seventies. Among other things they said that there were 145 quorums, and an enrollment of 8004. The brethren of the Seventies desired to be advised as to whether the aged and infirm presidents of seventies should be transferred to the high priest quorum, and as to whether brethren who are called to be presi-

dents should be ordained or set apart to said office. They had been instructed (they said) some years ago by the First Presidency to ordain them. (Note: no such instructions were of record, but it was not doubted that such instructions had been given.) The clerk now read a copy of the letter written by the Presidency, in which they answer "yes" to both questions. In the discussion that followed, it was conceded that to ordain man [men] to be presidents with the idea that "once a president always a president" might in some cases lead to awkward situations, for in filling vacancies presidents coming in from other quorums would claim recognition regardless of their fitness.

The presidency of the Weber Stake reported by letter their findings in the case of Chris Christensen vs. Chas. Kelly, Box Elder Stake. Report received and filed.

### *Reports*

Pres. Winder attended the temple fast meeting and meeting in the Farmers Ward last Sunday. Also the funeral of Bp. [Elijah F.] Sheets. Elder Smith attended the temple fast meeting and meeting in his ward; also the funeral of Bp. Sheets. Elder Smoot attended meeting in Provo.

Elder Clawson said that he had visited four stakes of Zion during the past month, but having sent in written reports from three of the stakes, would now only report his visit to Parowan. Held the usual meetings, with priesthood meeting Saturday and conjoint meeting Sunday evenings. The meetings on Saturday were poorly attended. A good spirit prevailed during the conference, nevertheless. Good crops will be gathered in the Parowan Stake this season. Brother Clawson said that he had preached several political sermons during his absence, in which he advised the people to maintain their political rights by attending the primaries and putting forward the best men for office.

Elder Jno. H. Smith remained at home on Sunday. Attended Bp. Sheets' funeral. Pres. Lyman visited Elder Merrill last week. Found good life in him, but he was quite weak in lower limbs. Attended afternoon service and conjoint meeting of young people in Brigham City last Sunday. In the evening spoke upon the subject of amusements. Attended Bp. Sheets' funeral.

Jno. Smith was at the temple fast meeting and the funeral of Bp. Sheets. Pres. Lund attended the funeral of Nels Peterson, his



brother-in-law, at Ephraim last Sunday. Pres. Smith attended the temple fast meeting and went to Logan Sunday afternoon.

Elder Clawson, as chairman of the auditing committee, submitted a report, showing the exact status of the church, Jan. 1, 1904. The said report comprehended the net surplus as shown by the books of the trustee-in-trust and as previously reported in detail, the tithing on hand in the stakes of Zion as shown by the books of the Presiding Bishop (and transferred to the books of the T.-in-T.) and the surplus of the *Deseret News* business. Upon motion of Elder Jno. H. Smith, the report was received, approved, and ordered to be placed on file. The showing made by said report was most excellent and encouraging.

The brethren now repaired to the Apostles' Room and partook of the sacrament, Pres. Lund being mouth in blessing the bread and wine. While at the table Pres. Smith arose and said that he had been impressed to name a certain brother to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Elder A. O. Woodruff and he now submitted for the consideration of the brethren the name of Chas. W. Penrose. Upon motion of Pres. Lyman, seconded by Elders Jno. H. Smith and R. Clawson, the nomination of Pres. Smith was approved by unanimous vote. Many expressions of satisfaction followed the said action. Brother Penrose was sent for. The brethren returned to the Presidency's Room, and when Elder Penrose entered, they sang, "Up, Awake, Ye Defenders of Zion"—a hymn composed by Brother P[enrose].

Pres. Smith arose and said that he had been impressed to nominate Brother Penrose to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Brother Woodruff, and although Brother Penrose was somewhat advanced in life (being a little past 70) yet the Lord in this selection recognized the faithfulness of his servant. Elder Penrose was asked to express himself regarding this call, and he said that he would accept it as coming from the Lord and his brethren and would do anything and everything in his power to assist in the upbuilding of the kingdom of God. He was then ordained under the hands of the brethren, Pres. Smith being mouth. Pres. Lyman was set apart as president of the Twelve, Pres. Smith being mouth. Under the direction of Pres. Smith, Pres. Lyman delivered the charge to Elder Penrose. (Elder Geo. A. Smith left the meeting before the brethren sat down to the table, having been called away



to attend a funeral.) Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Jno. Smith.

### **Monday-Wednesday, 11-13 July 1904**

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm; heavy dust storm on Tuesday. I spent a greater part of these three days in closing the Brigham City Roller Mill books for the six months ending June 30, 1904. Monday afternoon Lydia and myself and the children went to Saltair. The bathing was fine.

### **Thursday, 14 July 1904**

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: the First Presidency, and Elders Lyman, Jno. H. Smith, Clawson, Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, Penrose, Jno. Smith, and the clerk. There was some informal talk in relation to politics, in which the moral corruption of Fred T. Dubois and Frank J. Cannon was mentioned. In view of conditions that exist in Washington and other cities, the cry raised in defense of the purity of the home did not appear to the brethren as being very consistent. Song, "Lord, We Come before Thee Now." Elder Penrose opened by prayer, and the Patriarch was mouth at the altar. Song, "High on the Mountain Top." The minutes of July 7 were read and approved.

Conference appointments: Utah, Elders Clawson and Geo. A. Smith; Beaver, Pres. Lyman and Elder Smoot; Emery, Pres. Smith and Elder Hyrum M. Smith; Scandinavian reunion at Manti, Pres. Lund and the Patriarch. The clerk read an invitation from committee to attend the old folks excursion to Spanish Fork, tomorrow, the 15th.

### ***Letters***

The clerk read a letter from Pres. Jno. G. McQuarrie of the Eastern States Mission. He reported the health of the elders as being good and said that they were putting forth considerable effort. Sometimes an interest in the gospel is manifested and sometimes it is not. Last year there was an average of 2 baptisms to the elder. A meeting house at Tomstown, Penn., had been acquired by the saints and was dedicated on June 26th. Pres. McQuarrie urged the importance of the church securing headquarters in New York City. The clerk was instructed to write Brother McQuarrie to investigate and see what he could do.

The President informed the council that the Presidency had telegraphed Ben E. Rich of the Southern States Mission, authorizing him to purchase certain property in Chattanooga, Tenn. (previously reported on favorably by Elder Rich) for \$4000. The action of the Presidency was approved.

The clerk read a letter from Elder Nephi Pratt, pres. N.W. States Mission. In view of the fact that the Bramwell, Emmett, and Indian Creek Wards were located so far distant from the headquarters of the Union Stake, he suggested that the said three wards with the Boise Branch (total population about 600) be organized into a stake. The suggestion not approved on account of fewness of numbers. The people in the N.W. States Mission, he said, were dead to the gospel. Baptisms for last year would scarcely average one to the elder. He asked that the state of Oregon be returned to the N.W. States Mission, where it originally belonged. The clerk was directed to correspond with Pres. Jos. E. Robinson regarding this matter.

Presidency of the Blackfoot Stake recommended Wm. M. Dye for bishop of Basalt and Jasper J. Hammer for bishop of Woodville. Recommendation approved. Pres. [William A.] Hyde of the Pocatello Stake requested that the apostle attending the Blackfoot Stake in the near future be instructed to stop over at Pocatello and organize a prayer circle. Request granted.

### *Reports*

Pres. Winder attended the tabernacle service last Sunday. Elder Penrose was at the tabernacle in the afternoon and at the 11th Ward in the evening. Elder Geo. A. Smith attended the funeral of Daniel W. Shupe last Thursday afternoon and last Sunday spent the day in Little Cottonwood Canyon with his family.

Elder Hyrum M. Smith attended meeting in Farmers Ward last Sunday afternoon and 17th Ward in the evening. He spoke of the sacred concerts given at Liberty Park every Sunday evening and said that they were taking the saints away from their meetings.

Elder Smoot attended meeting in Provo. Elder Clawson spoke in the tabernacle Sunday afternoon and was at the 18th Ward Sunday School in the morning. Pres. Lyman attended the tabernacle service on Sunday, as also did Pres. Lund and the Patriarch.

In view of Sunday concerts and other things going on, it was suggested that the brethren preach up the proper observance of

the Sabbath day. Benediction by Pres. Winder.

**Sunday, 17 July 1904**

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. 8 a.m. I left for Provo to attend the Utah Stake Conference, arriving at 9:40 a.m.

10 a.m. Continuation of conference in the tabernacle, Pres. David John presiding. Elder Geo. A. Smith then spoke. Topics treated. Word of Wisdom. Responsibility of parents to their children. Extravagance.

2 p.m. Continuation of conference, Pres. D. John presiding. Pres. John made brief remarks, reporting the stake. R. Clawson. Topics treated. Spoke in complimentary terms of the singing by the choir. The building up of Zion. The temporal and the spiritual. The things of God can only be understood by the Spirit of God. Geo. A. Smith. Topics treated. We should appreciate the labors of the bishops. The proper manner of blessing children. People moving from ward to ward should bring their recommends.

**Tuesday-Wednesday, 19-20 July 1904**

Salt Lake City. Clear and hot. On Tuesday Lydia was taken sick and, being three months with child, miscarried. She was dangerously sick during the night and barely escaped with her life. On Wednesday she was somewhat improved but still very sick.

**Thursday, 21 July 1904**

Salt Lake City. Clear and hot. 10 a.m. Meeting in the temple. Present: the First Presidency, and Pres. Lyman, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, Geo. A. Smith, Chas. W. Penrose, Jno. Smith, the pat., and the clerk. The brethren sang, "Zion Stands with Hills Surrounded." Elder Clawson opened by prayer, and Elder Geo. A. Smith was mouth at the altar. Song, "Go, Ye Gospel Heralds, Go!" The minutes of July 14 was read and approved. The clerk read a letter from Bp. F. H. Merrill of Richmond, who informed the brethren that the cornerstone of the Richmond Tabernacle would be laid Sat., July 23rd, and invited them to be present. It was understood that a representative would go from the council.

Stake conference appointments: Liberty, Elders Clawson and Penrose; Weber, Elder Hyrum M. Smith; Blackfoot, Elder Geo. A.

Smith; San Luis, one of the Seventies.

Having received further information in regard to the Pine Grove Ward, Union Stake, Heber [Hyrum] C. Weech was approved as the bishop. Thos. E. Bassett recommended Mark Austin for bishop of Sugar Ward, Fremont Stake. Recommendation approved, providing that Elder Austin be consulted in the matter, as he is loaded down with business responsibilities. The clerk read a letter from Pres. [Anthony W.] Ivins, in which he explained quite fully the circumstances concerning the death of Elder A. O. Woodruff.

### *Reports*

Pres. Winder was at the tabernacle Sunday afternoon and in Forest Dale in the evening. Pres. Lyman and Reed Smoot attended the Beaver Stake Conference last week. Had a profitable time. Advised the saints to plant a grove of trees in the meeting house grounds for conference purposes. Brother Lyman went with the old folks to Spanish Fork on Friday.

Elders Clawson and Geo. A. Smith attended the Utah Stake Conference. Meetings on Saturday were poorly attended and this led Brother Clawson to suggest that the presidency of the Utah Stake should follow the example of the four stakes in this city and have one day's conference instead of two.

Elder Hyrum M. Smith said that Pres. Smith and himself attended the Emery Stake Conference at Price. The usual meetings were held. The saints appreciated the presence of Pres. Smith. Elder Penrose attended the tabernacle meeting of Sunday and spoke in the 9th Ward Sunday evening. Pres. Lund attended the Scandinavian reunion at Manti and said that it was a pronounced success. There were 2500 people in attendance.

Reports were received and the labors of the brethren approved. Benediction by Elder Hyrum M. Smith.

### **Sunday, 24 July 1904**

Salt Lake City. Clear and hot. I attended the morning and afternoon sessions of the Liberty Stake Conference at the assembly hall and tabernacle, Pres. Jno. R. Winder presiding. We heard some excellent reports. The principal speakers were Pres. Jno. R. Winder and Elders Jno. H. Smith, C. W. Penrose, and myself. Sabbath breaking was one of the topics treated.

**Thursday, 28 July 1904**

Salt Lake City. Clear and hot, rain during the day. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: the First Presidency, and Elders Lyman, Jno. H. Smith, Clawson, Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, Geo. A. Smith, C. W. Penrose, and the clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "Daniel's Wisdom May I Know." Pres. Winder opened, and Elder Smoot was mouth at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "Know This That Every Soul Is Free." Minutes of July 21st were read and approved.

After some discussion a motion prevailed to the effect that the 11,000 kroner or \$3000 held by the bank against the meeting house recently purchased in Arhus, Denmark, be advanced by the trustee-in-trust in order to secure the property.

***Letters***

A letter was read from Pres. Chas. Kelly, in which he stated that, through the good offices of Pres. C. W. Middleton as mediator, the trouble between the authorities of Box Elder Stake and the Academy of Music, Brigham City, had been satisfactorily settled. The basis of settlement was this: that the Academy of Music be placed under the direction of the stake amusement committee and that the academy corporation pay over to the said committee for stake purposes 25% of net proceeds of the house or of all that is earned.

Pres. Wm. T. Jack wrote, recommending Oliver Pickett for bishop of Oakley 3rd Ward to succeed Bishop [Elam W.] McBride, resigned. Approved. Bp. Henry Blackburn of Yost, Utah, Cassia Stake, asked for a lone of \$1200 to assist him in purchasing a home offered by a widow woman living at Yost. It was decided that some inquiries should be made with reference to the property, and, if found to be worth \$1200, purchase might be made by the trustee-in-trust and the title be vested in him until the obligation is cancelled by Brother B.

Conference appointments: Juab, Pres. Lyman; Alpine, Elders Clawson and Smoot; Fremont, H. M. Smith; Cache, C. W. Penrose; Pioneer, Elder Jno. H. Smith; next week, San Juan, Elder Smoot; Cassia, Elder H. M. Smith.

***Reports***

Pres. Winder, Jno. H. Smith, Elders Clawson and Penrose

attended the Liberty Stake Conference last Sunday. Poor attendance in the forenoon. Large afternoon meeting. Pres. Lyman visited Batesville, Tooele Stake, and reorganized the bishopric with Edwin M. Orme as bishop, himself [being] mouth in ordaining. On Monday he attended the reunion of the Sons and Daughters of the Pioneers at American Fork.

Elder Smoot spent some hours at Pleasant Grove on Sunday for the purpose of settling a difficulty between the presidency of the stake and Jos. Wadleigh and his son, or rather, the difficulty was between the two latter. Settlement was effected. In the afternoon effected a reorganization of the bishopric of Lindon, Utah Stake, with Albert L. Cullimore as bishop. In the evening met with the saints of Springville 2nd Ward and reorganized the bishopric with Jno. Frank Bringham as bishop to succeed Bp. [George E.] Anderson, resigned.

Pres. Lund and Elder Hyrum M. Smith attended the Weber Stake Conference. Elder Geo. A. Smith reported the Blackfoot Stake Conference, which was quite successful. While on his way up, he organized a prayer circle at Pocatello with 16 members. He ordained Jas[per] J. Hammer, bishop of Woodland [Woodville], Blackfoot Stake. Pres. Smith attended the laying of the cornerstone of the Richmond tabernacle, which, he said, would be a costly building. On Sunday he was present at the Weber Stake Conference.

Reports and labors approved. Adjourned. Benediction by Jno. H. Smith.

#### **Monday-Wednesday, 1-3 August 1904**

Salt Lake City. Clear and hot. I spent most of these two days at home. Lydia is improving gradually, but the baby is sick with a bad cold. I took Lydia out riding Tuesday evening. On Wednesday I went to Grand Junction to meet Brother Cowley and returned in the evening.

#### **Thursday, 4 August 1904**

Salt Lake City. Clear and hot. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: the First Presidency, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Clawson, Hy. M. Smith, Geo. A. Smith, Penrose, and Jno. Smith, the patriarch. The brethren clothed and sang, "Our God, We Raise to

Thee." Pres. A. H. Lund opened, and Elder Penrose was mouth at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "Go, Ye Gospel Heralds, Go." Minutes of July 28th were read and approved.

Conference appointments: Cassia, Hy. M. Smith; San Juan, Elder Smoot; Bingham, Elder Clawson; Wasatch, Pres. Smith, Pres. Lund, and Jno. Smith; South San Pete, Elder Geo. A. Smith.

### *Letters*

O. P. Burns, dept. commander of the G.A.R. [Grand Army of the Republic], asked for a donation to help get the G.A.R. to come to Utah next year and to help pay for representation of Utah this year at Boston. Petition not granted.

Presidency of Utah Stake wrote, saying that the Provo Book Club desires to establish a free library in Provo and asks the church there to donate for the purpose part of the tabernacle square with the old church located on it. It was decided to advise the said presidency not to grant the petition, but to recommend the book club to apply to Provo City for assistance.

Bp. Geo. A. Holt, representing the Enterprise Reservoir and Canal Co. of Washington County, wrote, saying that the reservoir when completed will water 5000 acres of land. They need help, he said, and now ask the church to contribute \$2500 to assist them. Request granted.

Hugh W. Dougall wrote, saying that it was the intention of himself and others to establish a Conservatory of Music for Utah and asking for the moral support of the church and to use the name of Pres. Jos. F. Smith as a patron. It was decided to enquire further into the matter.

Pres. Smith said that the Presidency had received a long letter from the brethren at Samoa, in which they recommended strongly that the church purchase some 800 acres of land now offered for sale for the purpose of securing a foothold and establishing a plantation in that land. It would cost about \$10,000. It was decided to make the purchase provided the title is clear. It was also decided to send Saml. Woolley of the Sandwich Islands down to see the land.

Hyrum Kay wrote, desiring to know if it were necessary for a brother who moves from one quorum to another to take a recommend of standing. The answer was "no." He should take a recommend of removal to the new ward and should have a certificate of

ordination to the priesthood, and that would admit him to his quorum. It was also decided that a certificate of ordination should be issued to the Presidency and apostles and that the apostles and others in the future, when they ordain to the priesthood, should give certificates of ordination.

Sister Amelia Folsom's bill of \$147.00 for board and lodging of the late Pres. Brigham Young, Jr., was allowed.

### ***Reports***

Pres. Winder attended Pioneer Stake Conference. Poor attendance in the morning and excellent meeting in afternoon. Elder Jno. H. Smith also attended the Pioneer Stake Conference.

Elder Clawson said that Pres. Smith, Reed Smoot, and himself attended the Alpine Stake Conference at Pleasant Grove on Sunday, Elder Smoot being present also on Saturday. The stake supt. Sunday Schools and stake supt. religion classes made excellent reports. Pres. Smith spoke interestingly on the subject of the resurrection.

Elders Hyrum M. and Geo. A. Smith attended the Fremont Stake Conference, where they held overflow meetings on Sunday. The new sugar factory is making a good showing.

Elder Penrose said that Pres. Lund and himself attended the Cache Stake Conference. They had some very good meetings and found stake matters in good shape. Jno. Smith attended meeting at the tabernacle on Sunday.

Reports received and the labors of the brethren approved. Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Elder Geo. A. Smith.

### **Monday-Tuesday, 8-9 August 1904**

Salt Lake City. Clear and hot. In the afternoon I took Lydia and the children to the Lagoon, Farmington, for an outing. On Tuesday I spent the forenoon at home. In the afternoon I took the folks out for a ride. At 6:15 p.m. I attended a meeting of the board of directors of the Salt Lake Knitting Works.

### **Thursday, 11 August 1904**

Salt Lake City. Clear and hot; rain during the night. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: the First Presidency, and Elders Lyman, Jno. H. Smith, Clawson, Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, Geo. A. Smith, Penrose, Jno. Smith, and the clerk. The brethren clothed



and sang, "There Is a Place in Utah That I Remember Well." Pres. Smith opened, and Pres. Lyman was mouth at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "School Thy Feelings, O My Brother." The minutes of Aug. 4th were read and approved.

### *Correspondence*

Elder N. W. Clayton wrote, saying that the cashier of Wells Fargo and Co. desired to know if the church would sell the Salt Lake and Los Angeles Ry. and Saltair Beach, and if so, on what terms. The matter was discussed at some length. Pres. Lyman, Pres. Smith, and Elder Clawson spoke to the question and opposed the selling of said properties. The general sentiment of the council was against it. Upon motion of Elder Jno. H. Smith, it was decided not to sell.

M[artin] Slack, sec. of the Hurricane Canal Co., wrote, notifying the brethren that on Sat., Aug. 6th, water was run on to the Hurricane Bench from the Hurricane canal for the first time. The clerk was instructed to prepare a letter of congratulation for the signature of the First Presidency.

Apostle Jno. W. Taylor reported by letter that he and Pres. H. S. Allen of the Taylor Stake recently met F. J. Whitney of the Gt. Northern Ry. at St. Paul and with Mr. Whitney and other officials visited several points along the road. No places suitable for the colonization of our people were found.

A letter was read from the presidency of the Big Horn Stake, enclosing a letter from the state engineer of Wyoming, in which the engineer stated that our people could combine with the government in the building of the Willwood Canal or could wait until certain lands there were released by the government and then build their own canal. It was decided to make an effort at once to get said lands released and then encourage the saints to build their own canal. This plan, it was thought, would make them more independent.

Pres. [William C.] Parkinson of Hyrum recommended Jno. [James] J. Facer to succeed former bishop [George W. Davis] of Avon, resigned. Recommendation approved.

Conference appointments: Jordan, Elders Jno. H. Smith and Reed Smoot; Summit, Elder Hy. M. Smith; Benson, Elder Clawson; Oneida, Elder Lyman; Woodruff, Elder Geo. A. Smith; Sunday School conference at Ogden, Elder Penrose.

*Reports*

Pres. Winder attended fast meeting at the temple on Sunday a.m., Farmers Ward fast meeting in the afternoon, and Forest Dale meeting in the evening. Elder Jno. H. Smith was at the tabernacle in the afternoon and visited Taylorsville in the evening.

R. Clawson said that he and S. B. Young attended the Bingham Stake Conference at Iona, where they held conference in the new ward house, which had been erected at a cost of \$10,000—\$2500 still due on said building. Capacity about 900. Meetings crowded. Conjoint meeting Sunday evening. Good spirit prevailed. Had a report from the high council, high priest quorum, seventies quorum, elders quorum, and all the auxiliary organizations of the stake, and also heard from some of the bishops.

Elder Reed Smoot said that he attended the San Juan Conference held at Monticello. Long hot trip and bad water. Had a splendid conference. Crops a failure at Monticello but good at Bluff. Very bad spirit and influence at Moab. Advised that the church sell the Moab Ranch for \$5000—if they could get it. The property is going down. Thought Brother Larsen there and another brother would buy. Ordained Jno. P. Larsen a bishop and set him apart to preside over Moab Ward.

Elder Hyrum M. Smith and Jos. W. McMurrin attended the Cassia Stake Conference at Oakley. Had a good time. Ordained Oliver Pickett a high priest and bishop and set him apart to preside over the Oakley 3rd Ward. Elder Geo. A. Smith attended the South San Pete Stake Conference at Gunnison. The attendance was large and a good spirit prevailed. Elder Penrose attended fast meeting at the temple on Sunday, funeral of Elder [Charles W.] Johnson in afternoon, and 23rd [Ward] conjoint meeting in the evening. Pres. Lund reported that Pres. Smith, Jno. Smith, and himself attended the Wasatch Stake Conference and had a very enjoyable time. Reports received and the labors of the brethren approved.

Pres. Smith stated to the council that Elder Jno. H. White wanted a loan of \$2500 from the church, which he proposed to invest in the wholesale meat business. It was decided to loan him the amount, if he could furnish reasonable good security. Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Elder Clawson.

**Sunday, 14 August 1904**

Richmond, Utah. Clear and cool, hot during the day. 8:30 a.m. Called in and had a pleasant visit with Brother Merrill. His health is improving somewhat. 9:20 a.m. Left for Lewiston, 6 miles distant, with Alma Merrill, arriving at 10:05 a.m.

10:10 a.m. First session of the [Benson Stake] Conference in the ward house, President Wm. H. Lewis presiding. Pres. Lewis was the first speaker. Topics treated. The stake presidency meet once [per week]. Auxiliary organizations in fairly good condition. Good crops. People feeling well. West side canal about completed at a cost of \$200,000—\$25,000 still due. Elder Jos. W. McMurrin. Topics treated. Religion class work.

2 p.m. Continuation of conference, Pres. Wm. H. Lewis presiding. R. Clawson. Topics treated. The character of God. The plan of redemption. Marriage.

I rode out over the country a few miles with Pres. Lewis. The crops are progressing grandly. It's a rich country.

**Thursday, 18 August 1904**

Salt Lake City. Clear and hot. 10 a.m. Meeting in the temple. Present: the First Presidency, and Elders Lyman, Jno. H. Smith, Clawson, Hyrum M. Smith, Geo. A. Smith, Penrose, and Jno. Smith, and the clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "Come, Dearest Lord, Descend and Dwell." Elder Geo. A. Smith opened by prayer, and Elder Hyrum M. Smith was mouth at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "I Know That My Redeemer Lives." The minutes of Aug. 11 were read and approved.

***Correspondence***

The clerk read a letter from Pres. E. J. Wood of Alberta, in which he reported a recent visit to the north of Cardston, where he recommends the organization of two new wards and a branch of the church—namely, Frankfort [Frankburg] Ward with C. H. Frankfort [Frank] as bishop, Drallinger [Claresholm] Ward with J. W. Clareholm [Drollinger] as bishop, and Tolman Branch with W. A. Tolman as presiding elder. The recommendation was approved, subject to the visit of Elder Lyman to Canada.

Wm. A. Walkup of Chicago wrote, desiring to know if the church desired to exchange the Saltair beach property for desirable property in New York. The answer was "no."

Stake conference appointments: Taylor, Pres. Lyman; Star Valley, Elders Hy. M. Smith and Penrose; Nebo, Elder Clawson; Teton, Elder Geo. A. Smith.

### *Reports*

Pres. Winder attended the tabernacle on Sunday. Pres. Lyman was in attendance at the Oneida Stake Conference, held at Franklin in a bowery. Fair attendance and good spirit prevailed. He set Denmark Jensen apart as bishop of Mink Creek. Elder Jno. H. Smith and Reed Smoot attended the Jordan Stake Conference at East Mill Creek in their splendid new meeting house.

Elder Clawson said that he and Elder [Joseph W.] McMurrin attended the Benson Stake Conference at Lewiston. The attendance was large and a good spirit prevailed. Suffered much from the heat. The presidency of the stake have matters well in hand. The west side canal just about completed at a cost of \$200,000—\$25,000 of which is still due. The saints have large holdings in Lewiston. One man owns about 800 acres of land, but at the same time he has 3 wives and 25 children. Many of the farms are mortgaged.

Elder Hy. M. Smith said that Pres. Smith and Lund and himself attended the Summit Stake Conference at Kamas. Pres. Smith dedicated the new Kamas meeting house on Sunday afternoon. The brethren held meeting in Park City on their return. Elder Geo. A. Smith attended the Woodruff Stake Conference at Woodruff. Pres. [John M.] Baxter recommended that Manila, a branch of the church with 16 families, be organized into a ward. Elder Penrose attended a Sunday School conference at Ogden, meeting in the Ogden 4th Ward at night, and on Monday the funeral of Albert Morris. The Patriarch attended the tabernacle meeting on Sunday.

The reports and labors of the brethren were approved. Council adjourned. Benediction by Jno. Smith.

### **Sunday, 21 August 1904**

Spanish Fork, Utah. Clear and cool. 10 a.m. Continuation of [Nebo Stake] Conference in the pavilion, Hy[rum] Lemmon presiding. Jno. Smith, the patriarch, spoke. Topics treated. Union. Missionary work. Reed Smoot. Topics. Honesty. S. B. Young. Topics. Honesty. Saints should treat their children kindly.

2 p.m. Continuation of conference, Hy. Lemmon presiding.

R. Clawson. Topics treated. Marriage. Reed Smoot. Topics. Cleanliness. S. B. Young. Same topic. Thus ended an interesting conference. The reports were of an encouraging character, and affairs of the stake were shown to be in fairly good shape.

#### Thursday, 25 August 1904

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cool. 10 a.m. Meeting in the temple. Present: the First Presidency, and Elders Jno. H. Smith, Rudger Clawson, Hyrum M. Smith, Reed Smoot, Chas. W. Penrose, Jno. Smith, and the clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "How the Saints Will Rejoice to Tell." Jno. Smith opened by prayer, and Elder Smoot was mouth at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "Zion Stands with Hills Surrounded." The minutes of Aug. 18 were read and approved.

#### *Correspondence*

The presidency of the Utah Stake wrote, enclosing a letter from Bishop [Alonzo] Brinkerhoff of the Emery Ward, Emery Stake, in which he made a complaint against Elder Jas. Hall, who was going around in his ward administering to the sick. His presence there without authority either from the general or local authorities and his manner of administering to those who are afflicted was creating a division among the saints of that ward.

The clerk also read a letter from Jas. Hall, in which he said that the presidency of the Utah Stake had asked for his resignation as a bishop's counselor. He asked for an investigation, but did not think it should be had before the presidency and high council of the Utah Stake because he felt that the brethren were prejudiced against him. It was decided that the high council of the Utah Stake should take the matter up for investigation and if Brother [Hall] was not satisfied with their decision, he could appeal to the First Presidency.

The clerk read a letter from Bp. Dan'l Connelly of Eureka, in which he claimed that the Eureka Ward held a possessory right to certain lands belonging to the Bullion, Beck, and Champion Mining Co. and for which the said co. at one time offered them \$300. They could not at the time very well accept the offer, but would now be willing to take \$150. The mining co. would probably sometime need the said land for a dumping ground. He desired the brethren to use their influence to get the \$150. The clerk was

directed to address a letter to P. T. Farnsworth, asking him to do what he could in the premises.

Conference appointments: Box Elder, Elder Clawson; Granite, Hy. M. Smith and Elder Penrose; Millard, Elder Smoot.

### *Reports*

Pres. Winder attended tabernacle services on Sunday afternoon. Elder Penrose said that he and Elder Hy. M. Smith attended the Star Valley Stake Conference held at Afton. Good attendance on Saturday and meetings crowded on Sunday. Fred [Frank] Cranney was ordained a bishop and set apart to preside over the Smoot Ward. The cornerstone of the new stake tabernacle was laid during the conference. He officiated in laying the stone and Elder Smith made remarks. People prosperous, notwithstanding early and late frosts.

Elder Smoot attended the funeral of Elder Lyman Woods at Springville on Sat. and Nebo Stake Conference on Sunday. Elder Clawson said that Elders Jno. Smith, Smoot, and Seymour B. Young, and himself attended the Nebo Stake Conference at Spanish Fork. Good attendance throughout, especially of the priesthood. There are some good, active, live presiding officers in the stake and affairs are [in] pretty good shape.

Elder Jno. H. Smith attended tabernacle meeting on Sunday afternoon and spoke. He said that on Monday Pres. Smith and himself attended the ceremony of laying the capstone of the South Bountiful meeting house. Pres. Lund said that he attended tabernacle services on Sunday afternoon, and in the evening assisted in the reorganization of the bishopric of the Tenth Ward, ordaining Jos. Christensen as bishop.

Elder Clawson submitted Manager H. G. Whitney's report of the *Deseret News* business of the year 1903, which, he said, had been carefully audited and found correct. The showing made was very satisfactory and reflected great credit upon the able management of Manager Whitney. Below is given a statement of the assets and liabilities, taken from said report:

#### ASSETS

Accounts due	46,999.57
Cash and orders	1,452.58
Newspaper plant	41,340.72

Mdse.	36,494.39
Job, bindery, and press-room plants	22,159.85
Mdse., book dept.	70,405.60
Ledger accounts, book dept.	17,859.36
Due from school trustees	48,876.36
Fixtures, &c.	413.95
	\$286,002.38

LIABILITIES

Due Zion's Savings Bank	10,000.00
Overdraft at Stake Bank	13,487.23
Accounts payable	6,307.99
Accounts payable at bookstore	55,706.21
Capital	158,363.03
Surplus,	
surplus Dec. 31, [19]03—\$24,755.84	
surplus Dec. 31, [19]04—\$17,382.08	42,137.92
	286,002.38

Audited Aug. 24, 1904

(signed) Rudger Clawson,  
Reed Smoot,  
Auditing Committee.

Upon motion the report was received, approved, and ordered [to be] placed on file. Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Pres. Winder.

At 2 p.m. I took Lydia and the children to Liberty Park, where the Sunday School children of the Ensign Stake had gathered. At 5 p.m. I attended a meeting of the general board of religion classes.

#### Friday-Saturday, 26-27 August 1904

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cool. Friday I spent in Brigham City, returning Friday night. Saturday forenoon I was engaged in entering up data in the book of the patriarchs.

#### Thursday, 1 September 1904

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: the First Presidency, and Elders Lyman, Jno. H. Smith,

Clawson, Smoot, Hy. M. Smith, Geo. A. Smith, Penrose, and the clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "Come, All Ye Sons of Zion." Elder Penrose opened, and Elder Clawson was mouth at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "O Zion, When I Think of Thee."

Elder David H. Cannon said in a letter written to the Presidency that it would be necessary to overhaul the steam plant of the St. George Temple, and he recommended that it be changed from a steam exhaust to a steam circulating plant, which would cost about \$1600. The matter was referred to the First Presidency for action. Pres. Smith and Pres. Lund will visit St. George shortly and examine into the question.

The presidency of the Juab Stake recommended either Eph[raim] Ellertson or Jno. L. Ellertson for bishop of the Mona Ward. The first was chosen. Don. Kimball, who worked on the Canada canal and who lost money by staying with the work to help the church carry out its contract, now felt that the church should reimburse him. He asked for a thousand dollars. Action was deferred that Presidents [Heber S.] Allen and [Edward J.] Wood of the Canada stakes might be conferred with regarding the matter.

Conference appointments: Panguitch, Presidents Smith [and] Lund, and Elder Hy. M. Smith; Tooele, Pres. Lyman; Maricopa, Elders Teasdale and Cowley; Union, Elder Clawson. Pres. Lyman read a letter from Elder Heber J. Grant, in which he spoke of the new conference house in Sweden.

### *Reports*

Pres. Winder attended the Granite Stake Conference, Elders Hy. M. Smith and Penrose were also present. Had an excellent time. Elder Geo. A. Smith reported the Teton Stake Conference. Good conference. Had a heavy frost, but crops not much damaged. New tabernacle completed to square of foundation. Held two day's meetings in the Jackson Hole country. Two branches of the church there and they want a ward organization. Elder Smoot attended the Millard Stake Conference at Deseret. Had a good time. The land proposition at the Abraham Ward in bad shape.

Elder Clawson said that he and Jos. W. McMurrin, L. A. Kelsch, and Geo. F. Gibbs attended the Box Elder Stake Conference. The meetings were largely attended on Sunday with light attendance



on Monday. The ill feelings aroused over the Christensen Academy of Amusements were now pretty well allayed. There were several disgruntled people there, however, who could not endure to see peaceful conditions restored and would upset things, if they could.

Elder Jno. H. Smith attended the funeral of Father Matthews on Tuesday. Pres. Lyman said that he, Elder J. G. Kimball, and Alice K. Smith attended the Canada [Alberta] Stake Conference during the past two weeks. Large turnout of the saints. The country had been suffering from a drought. Crops better at Cardston than at Raymond. Some people discouraged. No friction. Good peace. Had held about 20 meetings. Elder J. G. Kimball and Sister Alice accomplished a good work among the Kimball family. He ordained Jno. Kirkham a patriarch and Christopher Frank a bishop and set him apart to preside over the Frankfort [Frankburg] Ward.

Pres. Lund presided at the tabernacle meeting on Sunday and spoke in the 17th Ward Sunday evening. Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Pres. Lund.

#### **Sunday-Tuesday, 4-6 September 1904**

LaGrande, Oregon. Clear and warm. 10 a.m. Continuation of the [Union Stake] Conference, Sunday School session, Supt. Saml. Storey of the ward school presiding. Elder Lyman spoke of the missionary movement, that is, the plan to gather means to assist missionaries in the field and their families at home. R. Clawson. Topics. Addressed a few words to the S.S. children and pointed to the many blessings bestowed upon them in their homes, having good parents, food, and raiment. Also the wonderful faculties and organs of their bodies, such as their eyes, ears, and so forth. Pres. [Franklin S.] Bramwell. Topics treated. Missionary fund. Amusement committee.

2 p.m. Continuation of conference, Pres. Bramwell presiding. R. Clawson. Topics treated. The good singing of the choir. Religion class work. Obedience.

7 p.m. Conjoint meeting of the young people, E. Z. Carbine, stake supt. Y.M.M.I.A., presiding. I was the first speaker and dwelt strongly upon the principle of virtue. Pres. Bramwell made brief remarks in relation to the classes in singing, soon to be organized under the direction of Elder Ferrin.

I left the meeting at 8:45 p.m. in order to catch the train for Salt Lake. On our way home we encountered a wreck at Zenda just below McCammon O. S. L. [Oregon Short Line]. A number of freight cars had been thrown off the track and were piled up on the track in great confusion. They were mostly loaded with lumber. We were detained from about 3 p.m. Monday until 1 a.m. Tuesday and did not reach Salt Lake until 6 a.m. Tuesday. We were due at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

#### **Thursday, 8 September 1904**

Salt Lake City. Clear and warm. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Pres. Jno. R. Winder, and Elders Clawson, Smoot, Penrose, Jno. Smith, and the clerk. Pres. Winder was mouth in the opening prayer. Minutes of Sep. 1st were read and approved. The clerk read a letter from Pres. Jesse N. Smith, in which he reported the visit of himself and Elder Cowley to St. Johns to attend the stake conference there. He said that Arizona has recently been visited by some destructive floods.

Conference appointments: North San Pete, Reed Smoot; Pocatello, Elder Clawson; Sevier, one of the Seventies.

#### ***Reports***

Elder Penrose said that he attended the temple fast meeting on Sunday, also the funeral of Henry Reiser, and yesterday the funeral of Bp. [Nelson A.] Empey. Elder Clawson said that he attended the Union Stake Conference held at LaGrande, Ore. Attendance poor on Sat. but large on Sunday. Very good feeling among the saints. Foundation of the new meeting house, or rather stake tabernacle, completed at a cost of about \$9000. The same paid for and about \$800 in the treasury. Having some trouble in that stake with people who refuse to get recommends of standing.

Elder Smoot attended prayer circle at Provo on Sunday, also fast meeting in Provo 1st Ward. Pres. Winder said he attended temple fast meeting on Sunday, also Farmers Ward fast meeting in the afternoon, and conjoint conference of young people of the Granite Stake Sunday evening.

Reports approved. Meeting adjourned with benediction by Reed Smoot.

**Sunday, 11 September 1904**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. The reason I did not go to Pocatello according to appointment was that the stake conference there had been changed and held the week before.

2 p.m. Accompanied by Lydia and the younger children, I attended the tabernacle meeting, Pres. Jno. R. Winder presiding. Elder Jos. E. Taylor was the speaker and spoke from the text: "This gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world before the end shall come" [cf. Matt. 24:14].

**Thursday, 15 September 1904**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: Pres. Winder and Elders Lyman, Jno. H. Smith, Clawson, Smoot, Penrose, Jno. Smith, and the clerk. Elder Jno. H. Smith was mouth in prayer. The minutes of Sep. 8 were read and approved.

***Correspondence***

Pres. Jas. E. Steele of the Bingham Stake wrote, recommending Henry M. Perry for bishop of Rudy, and Geo. A. Browning, bishop of Annis Ward. Upon motion the recommendation was approved.

The clerk read a long letter from Elders Jno. W. Taylor and Heber S. Allen, in which they gave a full report of their investigations for locations along the line of the Gt. Northern R.R. system. They found none that would be suitable for our people.

A letter addressed to Elder Geo. Reynolds from Ben E. Rich was read. He said that they moved into the new mission house at Chattanooga about the 15th of August. The elders feel well, although there is some sickness among them resulting from the intense heat of the summer months.

The clerk read a letter from Truman [German] E. Ellsworth, acting president of the Northern States Mission. Mission in good condition. Will take possession and dedicate the new mission headquarters at Chicago in Oct. Said that a good work is being done by our elders in Hancock County, Ill., in and about Nauvoo.

Conference appointments: Bannock, F. M. Lyman; Morgan, Elder Clawson.

***Reports***

Elder Penrose attended the funeral of Sister [Marion] Beatie

during the week and was present at the tabernacle service on Sunday. Elder Smoot attended the North San Pete [Stake] Conference at Mt. Pleasant. Poor attendance on Saturday, but crowded on Sunday. Reporters were there expecting to hear political talk, but were disappointed. Held meeting at Spring City on Sunday night. Interest among the people has been aroused by Bp. [Lauritz O.] Larsen and they are going to finish meeting house that has been in course of erection for last 30 years. Have raised \$1400. Assisted in laying the cornerstone of the Provo 6th Ward meeting house yesterday.

Elder Clawson attended the tabernacle service. Was appointed to attend Pocatello Stake Conference, but found that the said conference had been placed ahead one week. Elder[s] Lyman and Jno. H. Smith attended the Big Horn Stake Conference held at Cowley. Had a fine time and feel that the Big Horn country is a fine locality for the settlement of our people. Found some little political differences among the brethren. Jno. Hopkins was set apart as a high councillor. Also held meeting at Byron.

Pat. Jno. Smith was at home. Pres. Winder attended meeting at the tabernacle. Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Pres. Lyman.

At 5 p.m. I attended circle meeting at the temple. In the evening went to the theater.

#### **Sunday, 18 September 1904**

Thatcher, Idaho. Clear and mild. 10 a.m. Continuation of [Bannock Stake] Conference, Pres. [Lewis S.] Pond presiding. J. G. Kimball. Topics treated. Punctuality. Good order in our meeting houses. The proper training of our children.

1:30 p.m. Continuation of conference, Pres. Pond presiding. R. Clawson. Topics treated. Reverence for the priesthood. Closing remarks were made by Pres. Pond.

The conference was quite spirited throughout, and the reports showed the stake to be in fairly good shape. Pres. Pond is an active, energetic president.

#### **Thursday, 22 September 1904**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild, cloudy later in the day. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: the First Presidency, and Elders

Lyman, Jno. H. Smith, Clawson, Smoot, H. M. Smith, Penrose, Jno. Smith, and the clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "Glory to God on High." Pres. Lyman opened, and Pres. Lund was mouth at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "Praise to the Man." The minutes of Sep. 15th were read and approved.

The clerk read a letter from German E. Ellsworth, acting president of the Northern States Mission, in which he desired to know if he would be permitted to come to the general conference. Said that Elder Geo. A. Smith had recently paid them a visit and had preached upon the street corners of Chicago. He spoke of a remarkable case of healing under the hands of Elder Smith.

A long letter from Elder Horace S. Ensign was read. Among other things he referred to the "Thomas" tract and that, if translated into the Japanese language, it would accomplish much good. Spoke of tracts that were written by Elders Taylor and Featherstone. Said that he was now engaged in translating our hymns into the Japanese language and felt that good would result therefrom.

Elders Peter Loutensock and Herman Grether wrote, recommending the name of Jno. Merhoffer to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Henry Reiser. The matter was referred to Pres. Lund for investigation.

Conference appointments: Davis, Elders Jno. H. Smith and Penrose; Hyrum, Pres. Lyman and Elder Hy. M. Smith; Malad, Elder Clawson; Parowan, Elder Smoot. The matter of reorganizing the presidency of the Davis Stake was referred to the visiting apostles with power to act.

Nephi L. Morris informed the brethren that a meeting of the elders of the Salt Lake Stake would be held tomorrow evening for the purpose of selecting missionaries to labor in the stake. He extended an invitation to the brethren of the council to be present. Elders Jno. H. and Hy. M. Smith were appointed to attend said meeting.

### *Reports*

Pres. Jno. R. Winder and Elders Lyman, Jno. H. Smith, and Penrose attended the Salt Lake Stake Conference. Excellent reports were made. Elder Hyrum M. Smith reported the visit of Presidents Smith and Lund and himself to Panguitch, Kanab, and the St. George Stakes. Large attendance at the meetings and good

instructions given. Matters are going slowly in the Panguitch and Kanab Stakes. They have been having some fine rains throughout these stakes, putting the ranges in splendid shape. Geo. Spillsbury of Toquerville and Nathan Adams of Kanab were ordained patriarchs.

Elder Smoot celebrated the 20th anniversary of his marriage on Saturday night. Spent Sunday at home. On Monday attended the opening of the university at Provo.

Elder Clawson reported the Bannock Stake Conference, held at Thatcher. Poor attendance on Saturday but crowded on Sunday. Good meetings. Good spirit prevailed. Pres. [Lewis S.] Pond seems to have matters well in hand. The people in Gentile Valley have suffered considerable damage by recent frosts. Jno. Smith attended the Salt Lake Stake Conference.

Pres. Smith said that the Cainnan Ranch, St. George Stake, had been purchased by our people, but that the Pipe Springs and some other important springs were still in the hands of the gentiles. Counseled the saints to hold on to the country. Also advised them to exercise care and judgment in putting up their fruit for the market.

Labors of the brethren were approved. Benediction by Elder Hyrum M. Smith.

### **Sunday, 25 September 1904**

Malad, Idaho. Clear and cool. 10 a.m. Sunday School session of the [Malad Stake] Conference at the tabernacle, Stake Supt. Owen T. Davis presiding. Elder Geo. Reynolds spoke. Topics treated. Sunday School work. Regretted the tendency among our boys to absent themselves from the Sunday School. Church schools. R. Clawson. Topics. Order. Punctuality.

2 p.m. Continuation of conference, Pres. Welling presiding. Pres. Milton H. Welling was the first speaker. Topics treated. The presidency of the stake meet regularly once a week. High council united with the presidency. The auxiliary organizations all complete. Tithing this year will exceed that of last year. Elder Geo. Reynolds spoke briefly. R. Clawson. Topics treated. Spoke from the text [blank]. The saints must keep their promises and meet their obligations.

### Thursday, 29 September 1904

Salt Lake City. Cloudy and cool, threatening rain. 10 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: the First Presidency, and Elders Lyman, Jno. H. Smith, Clawson, Hy. M. Smith, Penrose, Jno. Smith, and the clerk. Some informal talk was indulged in with reference to the proposed visit of the senate committee to Utah. Some of the brethren thought they would come and others thought not.

Pres. Smith said that there was a matter he desired to present to the council. Some years ago, he said, the brethren of the Twelve were authorized to perform the sealing ordinance for young people living in distant places, such as Arizona and Mexico, who could not well go to the temple. He felt that this practice ought to be discontinued, as the enemy by misconstruction might seek to bring trouble on the church. Young people who cannot go to the temple should be married by the law of the land and afterwards come to the house of the Lord at their earliest convenience. A motion offered by Pres. Lyman to the effect that sealings for time and eternity must be performed in the temple at the altar, and that the practice of sealing outside of the temple be discontinued, was carried by unanimous vote. Minutes of Sep. 17th were read and approved.

### *Reports*

Pres. Winder attended the funeral of Marvin Kimball, who met death by accident. The funeral was held on Sunday in the Farmers Ward house. He was a good boy. Elder Penrose attended the Davis Stake Conference, in company with Elder Jno. H. Smith. Held the usual meetings—M.I.A., conjoint, and high council meeting. An excellent spirit prevailed.

Elder Hyrum M. Smith said that Pres. Lyman and himself attended the Hyrum Stake Conference held at Millville. Good attendance. All the bishops—10 in number—reported, as also other authorities. Several ward meeting houses in course of construction. The one at Wellsville [is] a very handsome building. Originally estimated to cost \$20,000, but will reach about \$50,000. Pres. [William C.] Parkinson and his counselor, Elder [Ingwald C.] Thoresen, are engaged in business at Logan, hence, absent from the stake much of the time.

Malad City. Fair attendance and good spirit prevailed. During the conference Elder Jos. Jones was ordained a bishop and set apart to preside over the Cherry Creek Ward, Brother Clawson being mouth.

Elder Jno. H. Smith reported the reorganization of the Davis Stake presidency with Jos. H. Grant as president and Jas. Eldredge as 1st and Jesse N. Smith as 2nd counselors. Elder Grant was set apart by Elder Smith, Jas. Eldredge by Elder Penrose, and Jos. Clark, high councillor, by Elder Smith. Jesse N. Smith was set apart as 2nd counselor by Pres. Jos. F. Smith yesterday in Salt Lake City. E. A. Williams was ordained a patriarch by Elder J. H. Smith.

Pres. Lyman said that Jas. J. Facer was ordained a bishop and set apart to preside over the Avon Ward, Hyrum Stake. Pres. Lund attended the Ensign Stake Conference and said that he listened to some excellent reports. Jno. Smith said that he attended the funeral of Jos. Smith [*sic*] on Sunday. Pres. Smith attended the funeral of Marvin Kimball and also one session of the Ensign Stake Conference. Reports were received and the labors of the brethren approved.

Elder Clawson made a brief report on the book of the patriarchs, which he had been appointed to get out. Said that he had received the genealogical data from 52 stakes of Zion and had entered it upon the record provided. There were some 4 stakes yet to hear from.

The presidency of the Blackfoot Stake recommended Peter C. Johnson to succeed Frank Hess, bishop of Blackfoot, the latter having been called on a mission. Recommendation approved.

Meeting adjourned. Benediction by Jno. Smith.

#### Sunday, 2 October 1904

Salt Lake City. Clear and cool. At 10 a.m. I attended the temple fast meeting, Pres. Smith presiding. A fine spirit prevailed. Among the speakers were Pres[idents] Smith, Winder, and Lund, and Elders Francis M. Lyman, Hyrum M. Smith, Geo. A. Smith, and myself. The singing was very beautiful.

At 2 p.m. I attended the fast meeting in the 18th Ward chapel, Bp. [Orson F.] Whitney presiding. Two babies were blessed and 5 boys and 1 girl were confirmed members of the church. Among the number was my boy, Samuel George. I was mouth in the



confirmation and was assisted by Bp. Whitney, Robt. Patrick, Henry P. Richards, and R. S. Wells. At the close of the meeting a ward priesthood meeting was held.

At 6:30 p.m. I attended a conjoint meeting of the young people of the 16th Ward in the 16th Ward house. The musical exercises were very beautiful. I was the speaker of the evening. Endeavored to show the value of our mortal bodies.

#### **Tuesday, 4 October 1904**

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 10 a.m. Quarterly meeting of the Twelve at the temple. Present: President Lyman, and Elder[s] Clawson, Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, Geo. A. Smith, and Penrose. Opening song, "Redeemer of Israel." Prayer by Pres. Lyman. Song, "Glory to God on High."

Pres. Lyman was the first speaker and said that of late he had taken some pains to instruct presidents of stakes and members of this council that they must guard against the occurrence of any more plural marriages. Was pleased, he said, that action had been taken by the Presidency and Twelve to the effect that sealings should no longer be performed outside of the temples. The enemy is on the alert and the brethren should be careful in their public utterances at the coming conference and in the stakes of Zion. It is important that the brethren should be united and entertain harmonious views. He had been looking over the record of the various members of the council and was wonderfully well-pleased with it. The brethren were men of faith and integrity. It is the duty of the apostles to regulate the affairs of the kingdom, under the First Presidency, and in his opinion their labors will be employed principally in the stakes of Zion, although they will be required to turn the key and unlock the door of the gospel to the nations. He desired, he said, the faith and prayers of the brethren, which he felt the need of.

Elder Clawson followed and said in part that he had enjoyed the spirit of the meeting and desired to be one with his brethren. Rejoiced in the gift of faith, whereby it was an easy matter for him to believe in principles of the gospel as set forth in the scriptures and the miracles of the Bible. There are people in the church, who are naturally, it seems, unbelieving. This was due, he thought, to the fact that there is gentile blood coursing through their veins.

Faith also is a gift of God. Spoke of the local situation. Some of our people expressed regrets that Elder Smoot had been sent to congress in view of what had followed. He didn't feel that way, but could see the hand of the Lord in it. The fact that portions of the Book of Covenants, including the revelation of plural marriage, had been copied into the records of the U.S. senate and that President Smith had been called before a committee of the senate to testify to the truth of the work was little less than a miracle in his eyes. The investigation was preaching the gospel throughout the nation as our elders could not do it. Desired to meet every call in a spirit of willingness and not grudgingly. Loved the brethren and the work to that extent that he believed, if it were necessary, he could die for them. That was the feeling in his heart.

Elder Reed Smoot said that he was in full accord with the sentiments expressed by the brethren. Whatever he had to do, he tried to do with all his heart. He had had, he said, but few wild oats to sow and his habits had always been temperate—the result of his father's and mother's teachings. Spoke of his connection with the Utah Stake presidency some years ago. So far as the senatorship is concerned, he would willingly resign tomorrow, if the brethren desired it. Like Brother Clawson, he thought it a most wonderful thing that President Smith had been permitted to testify before a committee of the United States senate that Joseph Smith was a prophet of God and that as a church we enjoy the spirit of revelation, all of which testimony becomes a part of the records of the senate for all time to come.

Elder Hyrum M. Smith said that he had nothing special on his mind. Rejoiced, however, in the spirit of the meeting. Felt to regret the absence of some of the brethren. Said that he knew the gospel to be true and encouraged the saints to be faithful. Felt indignant when anything is said against the brethren of the council. Has many times testified that he knew his brethren were devoted to the cause of God. On his recent southern trip, spoke a little along the line of politics, advising the people to put up good men for office. Also spoke a word in favor of President [Theodore] Roosevelt and said he believed him to be a good man because of his love for his wife and children. He stood ready, he said, as a member of the quorum to do whatever is required of him.

Elder Geo. A. Smith said that he felt he would like to see the

time come when the Twelve could be cut loose from business and secular affairs that they might give themselves wholly to the work of the ministry and yet he realized that, if they devoted all their time to preaching, they would become narrow and bigoted. Said that he loved the brethren of the Twelve. Spoke of the local situation. Felt that the brethren should be one in their views and feelings.

Elder Chas. W. Penrose said that he had greatly enjoyed the spirit and remarks of the brethren. Remarked that he was the youngest member of the quorum and feels that fact. In being called to the apostleship, he felt to lean upon the Lord. His first duty, he said, was to his quorum. In regard to the present agitation said that he was not afraid of agitation. Could see the hand of the Lord in it. He was one, he said, who sought the Lord early and found him. There seemed from the first a place within him for the gospel. Spoke of his early missionary labors in England. There never was a time when he was not willing to respond to every call. His heart was in the work and he loved the brethren. Regretted that some of them could not be present, but looked for the time when their seats would all be occupied and we would be united.

The minutes were read and approved, and the meeting adjourned until January 3, 1905. Benediction by Elder Penrose. The Presidency and Twelve will meet tomorrow at 11 a.m. instead of Thursday.

### Wednesday, 5 October 1904

Salt Lake City. Clear and mild. 11 a.m. Meeting at the temple. Present: the First Presidency, and Elder[s] Lyman, Jno. H. Smith, Clawson, Hyrum M. Smith, Geo. A. Smith, Penrose, Jno. Smith, and the clerk. The brethren clothed and sang, "Let Zion in Her Beauty Rise." Elder Hyrum M. Smith opened by prayer, and Pres. Smith was mouth at the altar. After disrobing, the brethren sang, "Should You Feel Inclined to Censure." The minutes of Sep. 29th were read and approved.

Pres. [John M.] Baxter of the Woodruff Stake wrote to the effect that he had visited the Manila Branch of his stake and organized it into a ward with Peter G. Wall as bishop. Arnold Schulthess and Philip Maycock recommended by letter that the lower part of the second ward be permitted to hold meetings in

that locality under the direction of a presiding elder during the winter months. Recommendation approved.

A letter from Brother [Anthon L.] Skanchy was read from [by] the clerk. He referred particularly to instructions that had been issued from the Presiding Bishop's office in relation to the distribution of tracts, hall expenses, and other things. Brother Skanchy said that he was endeavoring to carry out the instructions of the Presiding Bishop and to keep expenses within the limit of appropriations made for the mission. In order to do this, it became necessary for the elders to bear the expense of furnishing their tracts and paying hall rent, &c. Pres. Smith said that he had felt for a long time that tracts should be furnished to the elders free of charge, but, if this were done, he feared that in many instances the tracts would be handled without judgment, thrown around, and lost. Perhaps it would be wiser, he said, to make a small charge for them, say, one half the cost. The council coincided with this view. It was determined that the matter be referred to a committee for further consideration.

Reports were called for and most of the brethren said that they were in attendance at the temple fast meeting. Elder Geo. A. Smith reported his recent visit East.

Pres. Smith said that he wanted to refer to a matter that had given him much concern—namely, the private journals of the brethren of the council. Many things were written in them which, if they were to fall into the hands of the enemy, might bring trouble upon the church. After the death of the brethren, you cannot tell what may become of their journals, and even now the brethren felt an anxiety in relation to Pres. Geo. Q. Cannon's journal, who made a pretty full account of everything that transpired in the councils of the brethren; the same with Abram Cannon and others. Elder Jno. H. Smith said that he was very much concerned about this matter and had been for a long time and felt that some action should be taken in the premises. Pres. Winder said that it was very unsafe and risky for the brethren to write down that which occurred in these meetings. This duty belonged to the clerk of the council and nobody else. Pres. Winder moved that it be the sense and feeling of the council that the brethren should not write in their journals that which took place in the council meetings. Carried by unanimous vote. Meeting

adjourned. Benediction by Elder Jno. H. Smith.

Dear Brother Heber [J. Grant]:

I received your letter of Sep. 11th and appreciate all that you say. Pleased to hear that you are enjoying your labors. Will send the certificate book you ask for.

You will see by the "leaves" of today that I am debarred from writing in my journal the doings of the council, which of necessity debars me from sending you any further "leaves." I regret this exceedingly, but of course you will see the wisdom of the council's action in the matter.

Praying for your continued welfare, prosperity, and happiness, and a full measure of success in your missionary labors, I remain,

Yours most faithfully,  
[signed] Rudger Clawson

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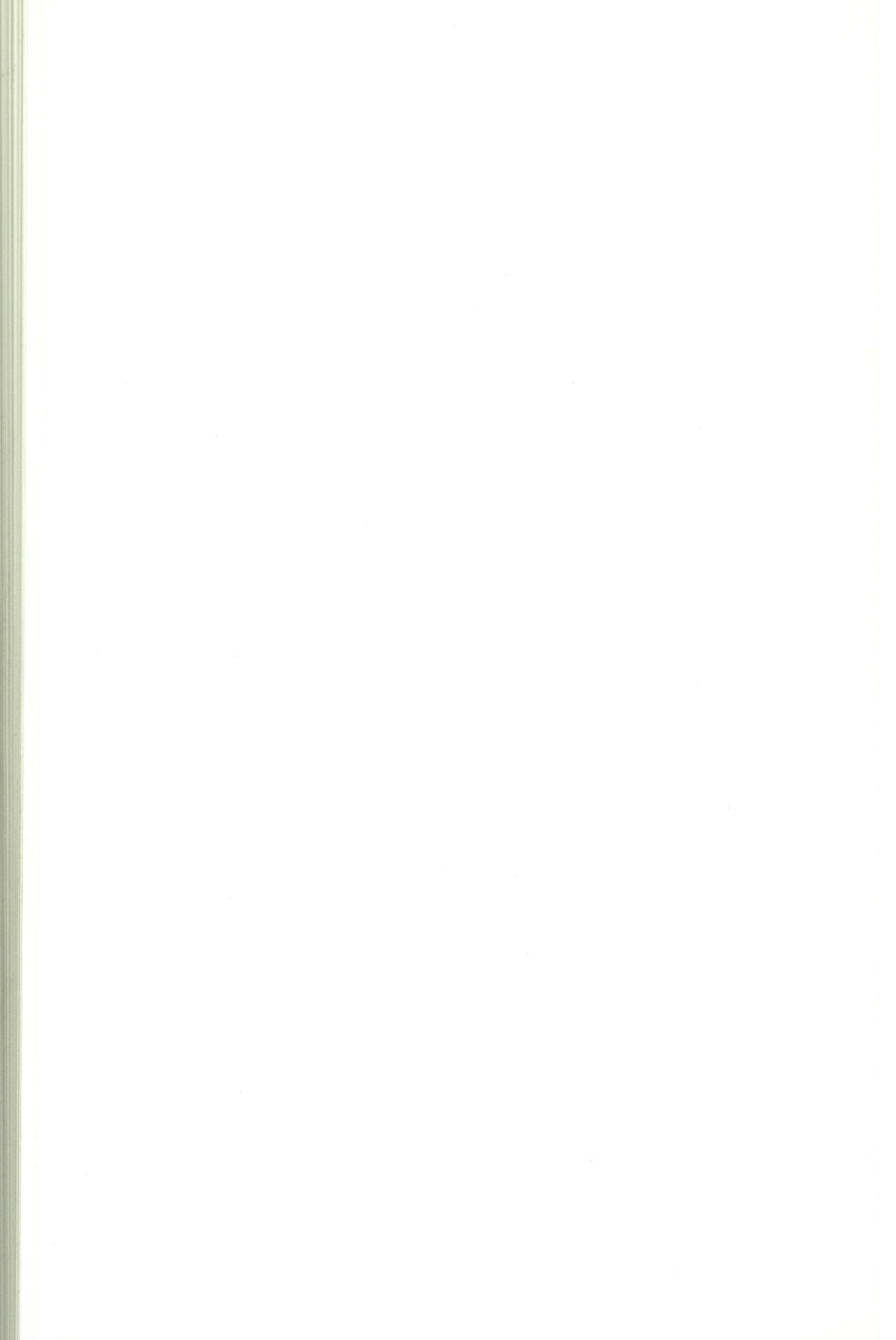
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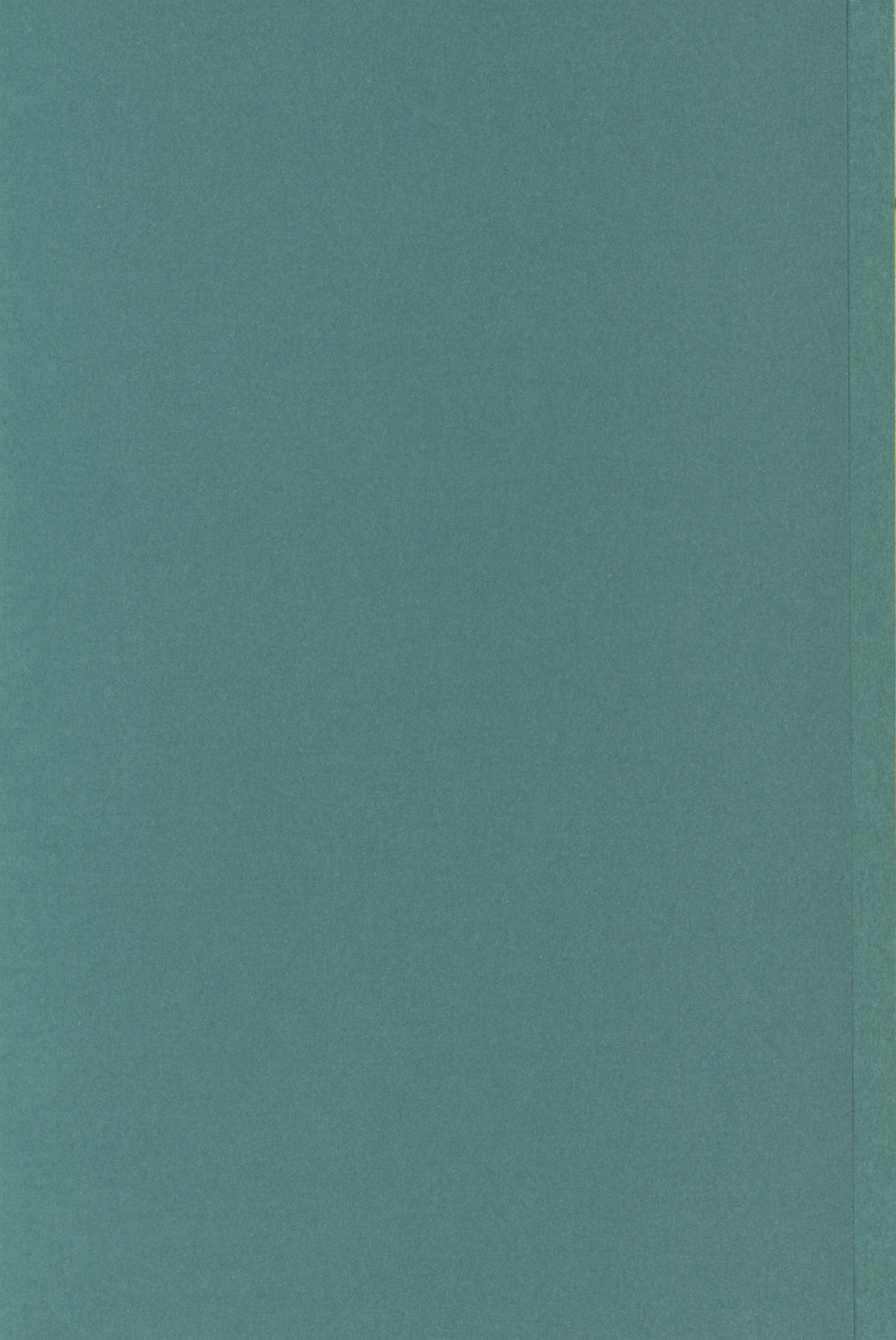




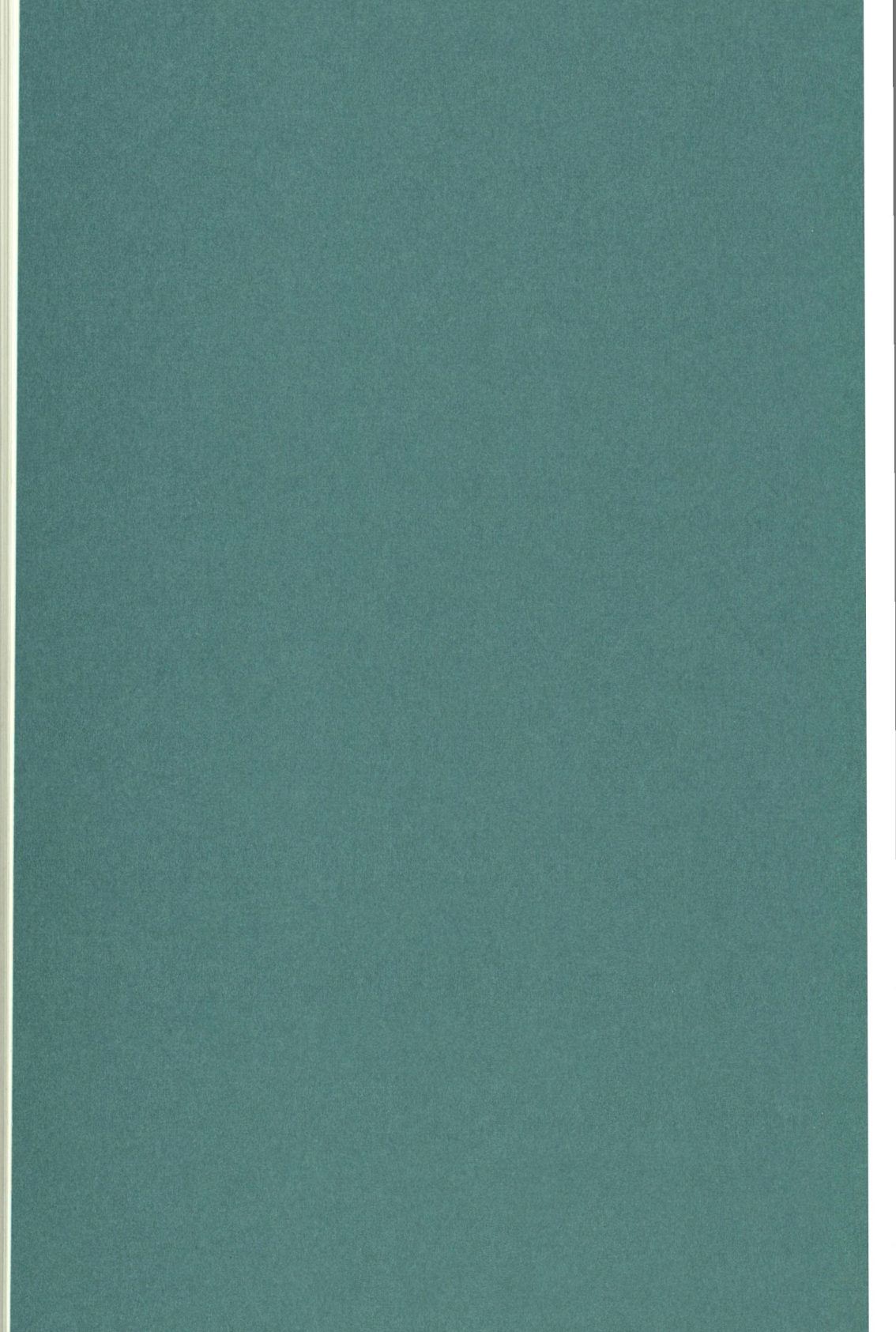




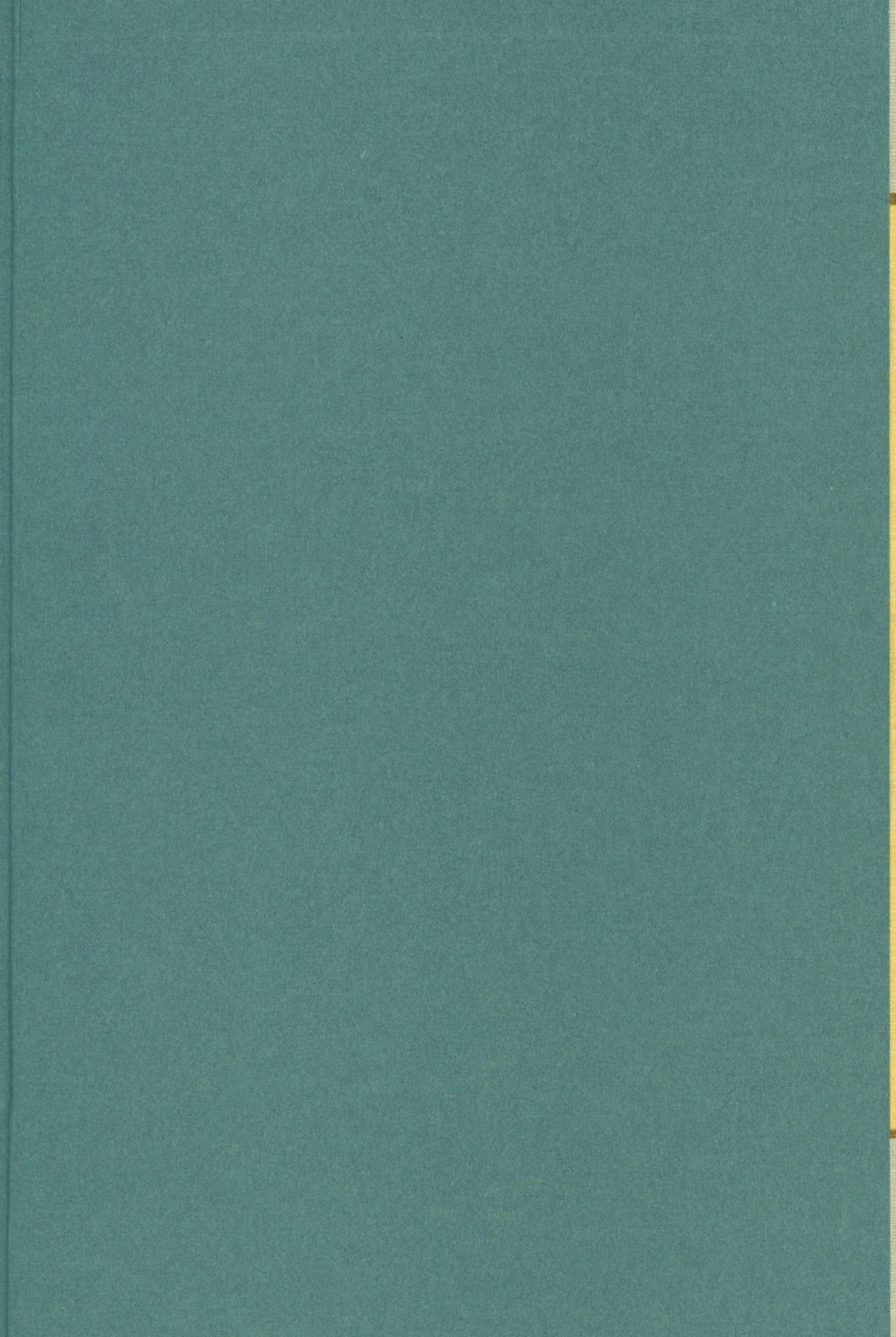














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